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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-413	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413
625 ILCS 5/3-701	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-701
625 ILCS 5/11-601	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-601
625 ILCS 5/11-709	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-709
625 ILCS 5/12-201	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-201
625 ILCS 5/12-208	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-208
625 ILCS 5/12-503	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-503
625 ILCS 5/12-602	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-602
625 ILCS 5/12-603.1	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-603.1
625 ILCS 5/12-608	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-608

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that no law enforcement officer shall stop a motor vehicle for: (i) failing to display registration plates or stickers; (ii) being operated with an expired registration sticker; (iii) violating general speed restrictions (unless that violation is a misdemeanor or felony offense); (iv) improper lane usage (unless that violation is a misdemeanor or felony offense); (v) failing to comply with certain requirements concerning vehicle lamps; (vi) excessive tint; (vii) defective mirrors; (viii) an obstructed windshield or defective windshield wipers; (ix) defective bumpers; (x) excessive exhaust; and (xi) failure of the vehicle operator to wear a safety belt. Provides that no evidence discovered or obtained as the result of a stop in violation of these provisions, including, but not limited to, evidence discovered or obtained with the operator's consent, shall be admissible in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding. Preempts home rule powers.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Sections 3-413, 3-701, 11-601, 11-709, 12-201,
6 12-208, 12-503, 12-602, 12-603.1, and 12-608 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-413) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413)

8 Sec. 3-413. Display of registration plates or digital
9 registration plates, registration stickers or digital
10 registration stickers, and drive-away permits; registration
11 plate or digital registration plate covers.

12 (a) Registration plates or digital registration plates
13 issued for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, autocycle,
14 trailer, semitrailer, truck-tractor, apportioned bus, or
15 apportioned truck shall be attached thereto, one in the front
16 and one in the rear. The registration plate or digital
17 registration plate issued for a motorcycle, autocycle, trailer
18 or semitrailer required to be registered hereunder and any
19 apportionment plate issued to a bus under the provisions of
20 this Code shall be attached to the rear thereof. The
21 registration plate or digital registration plate issued for a
22 truck-tractor or an apportioned truck required to be
23 registered hereunder shall be attached to the front thereof.

1 (b) Except for vehicles with rear loaded motorized
2 forklifts, every registration plate or digital registration
3 plate shall at all times be securely fastened in a horizontal
4 position to the vehicle for which it is issued so as to prevent
5 the plate from swinging and at a height of not less than 5
6 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such
7 plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible and shall
8 be maintained in a condition to be clearly legible, free from
9 any materials that would obstruct the visibility of the plate.
10 A registration plate or digital registration plate on a
11 motorcycle may be mounted vertically as long as it is
12 otherwise clearly visible. Registration stickers or digital
13 registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed annual
14 registration shall be attached to registration plates or
15 displayed on digital registration plates as required by the
16 Secretary of State, and be clearly visible at all times. For
17 those vehicles with rear loaded motorized forklifts, if the
18 rear plate is securely fastened in a horizontal position as
19 prescribed, the plate and registration sticker shall not be
20 required to be clearly visible at all times as a result of the
21 rear mounted motorized forklift obstructing the view.

22 (c) Every drive-away permit issued pursuant to this Code
23 shall be firmly attached to the motor vehicle in the manner
24 prescribed by the Secretary of State. If a drive-away permit
25 is affixed to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit
26 shall be void and of no effect.

1 (d) The Illinois prorated decal issued to a foreign
2 registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned
3 with Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate or
4 digital registration plate and displayed on the front of such
5 vehicle in the same manner as an Illinois registration plate
6 or digital registration plate.

7 (e) The registration plate or digital registration plate
8 issued for a camper body mounted on a truck displaying
9 registration plates or digital registration plates shall be
10 attached to the rear of the camper body.

11 (f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the
12 operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois
13 registration plate or plates or digital registration plate or
14 plates or registration stickers or digital registration
15 stickers, except as provided for in subsection (b) of Section
16 3-701 of this Code, after the termination of the registration
17 period for which issued or after the expiration date set
18 pursuant to Sections 3-414 and 3-414.1 of this Code.

19 (g) A person may not operate any motor vehicle that is
20 equipped with registration plate or digital registration plate
21 covers. A violation of this subsection (g) or a similar
22 provision of a local ordinance is an offense against laws and
23 ordinances regulating the movement of traffic.

24 (h) A person may not sell or offer for sale a registration
25 plate or digital registration plate cover. A violation of this
26 subsection (h) is a business offense.

1 (i) A person may not advertise for the purpose of
2 promoting the sale of registration plate or digital
3 registration plate covers. A violation of this subsection (i)
4 is a business offense.

5 (j) A person may not modify the original manufacturer's
6 mounting location of the rear registration plate or digital
7 registration plate on any vehicle so as to conceal the
8 registration or to knowingly cause it to be obstructed in an
9 effort to hinder a peace officer from obtaining the
10 registration for the enforcement of a violation of this Code,
11 Section 27.1 of the Toll Highway Act concerning toll evasion,
12 or any municipal ordinance. Modifications prohibited by this
13 subsection (j) include but are not limited to the use of an
14 electronic device. A violation of this subsection (j) is a
15 Class A misdemeanor.

16 (k) No law enforcement officer shall stop a motor vehicle
17 for a violation of this Section. No evidence discovered or
18 obtained as the result of a stop in violation of this
19 subsection, including, but not limited to, evidence discovered
20 or obtained with the operator's consent, shall be admissible
21 in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding. A home rule unit
22 may not regulate motor vehicles in a manner inconsistent with
23 this subsection. This subsection is a limitation under
24 subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois
25 Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home rule units of
26 powers and functions exercised by the State.

1 (Source: P.A. 101-395, eff. 8-16-19.)

2 (625 ILCS 5/3-701) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-701)

3 Sec. 3-701. Operation of vehicles without evidence of
4 registration - Operation under mileage plates when odometer
5 broken or disconnected.

6 (a) No person shall operate, nor shall an owner knowingly
7 permit to be operated, except as provided in subsection (b) of
8 this Section, a vehicle upon any highway unless there shall be
9 attached thereto and displayed thereon when and as required by
10 law, proper evidence of registration in Illinois, as follows:

11 (1) A vehicle required to be registered in Illinois. A
12 current and valid Illinois registration sticker or
13 stickers and plate or plates or digital registration
14 sticker or stickers and digital plate or plates, or an
15 Illinois temporary registration permit, or a drive-away or
16 in-transit permit, issued therefor by the Secretary of
17 State.

18 (2) A vehicle eligible for Reciprocity. A current and
19 valid reciprocal foreign registration plate or digital
20 registration plate or plates properly issued to such
21 vehicle or a temporary registration issued therefor, by
22 the reciprocal State, and, in addition, when required by
23 the Secretary, a current and valid Illinois Reciprocity
24 Permit or Prorate Decal issued therefor by the Secretary
25 of State; or except as otherwise expressly provided for in

1 this Chapter.

2 (3) A vehicle commuting for repairs in Illinois. A
3 dealer plate issued by a foreign state shall exempt a
4 vehicle from the requirements of this Section if the
5 vehicle is being operated for the purpose of transport to
6 a repair facility in Illinois to have repairs performed on
7 the vehicle displaying foreign dealer plates. The driver
8 of the motor vehicle bearing dealer plates shall provide a
9 work order or contract with the repair facility to a law
10 enforcement officer upon request.

11 (b) A person may operate or permit operation of a vehicle
12 upon any highway a vehicle that has been properly registered
13 but does not display a current and valid Illinois registration
14 sticker or digital registration sticker if he or she has
15 proof, in the form of a printed receipt from the Secretary,
16 that he or she registered the vehicle before the previous
17 registration's expiration but has not received a new
18 registration sticker or digital registration sticker from the
19 Secretary. This printed proof of registration is valid for 30
20 days from the expiration of the previous registration
21 sticker's or digital registration sticker's date.

22 (c) No person shall operate, nor shall any owner knowingly
23 permit to be operated, any vehicle of the second division for
24 which the owner has made an election to pay the mileage tax in
25 lieu of the annual flat weight tax, at any time when the
26 odometer of such vehicle is broken or disconnected, or is

1 inoperable or not operating.

2 (d) No law enforcement officer shall stop a motor vehicle
3 for a violation of this Section. No evidence discovered or
4 obtained as the result of a stop in violation of this
5 subsection, including, but not limited to, evidence discovered
6 or obtained with the operator's consent, shall be admissible
7 in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding. A home rule unit
8 may not regulate motor vehicles in a manner inconsistent with
9 this subsection. This subsection is a limitation under
10 subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois
11 Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home rule units of
12 powers and functions exercised by the State.

13 (Source: P.A. 101-395, eff. 8-16-19.)

14 (625 ILCS 5/11-601) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-601)

15 Sec. 11-601. General speed restrictions.

16 (a) No vehicle may be driven upon any highway of this State
17 at a speed which is greater than is reasonable and proper with
18 regard to traffic conditions and the use of the highway, or
19 endangers the safety of any person or property. The fact that
20 the speed of a vehicle does not exceed the applicable maximum
21 speed limit does not relieve the driver from the duty to
22 decrease speed when approaching and crossing an intersection,
23 approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hill
24 crest, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, or
25 when special hazard exists with respect to pedestrians or

1 other traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions.
2 Speed must be decreased as may be necessary to avoid colliding
3 with any person or vehicle on or entering the highway in
4 compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons
5 to use due care.

6 (a-5) For purposes of this Section, "urban district" does
7 not include any interstate highway as defined by Section
8 1-133.1 of this Code which includes all highways under the
9 jurisdiction of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.

10 (b) No person may drive a vehicle upon any highway of this
11 State at a speed which is greater than the applicable
12 statutory maximum speed limit established by paragraphs (c),
13 (d), (e), (f) or (g) of this Section, by Section 11-605 or by a
14 regulation or ordinance made under this Chapter.

15 (c) Unless some other speed restriction is established
16 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit in an urban
17 district for all vehicles is:

- 18 1. 30 miles per hour; and
- 19 2. 15 miles per hour in an alley.

20 (d) Unless some other speed restriction is established
21 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban
22 district for any vehicle is (1) 65 miles per hour for all or
23 part of highways that are designated by the Department, have
24 at least 4 lanes of traffic, and have a separation between the
25 roadways moving in opposite directions and (2) 55 miles per
26 hour for all other highways, roads, and streets.

1 (d-1) Unless some other speed restriction is established
2 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban
3 district for any vehicle is (1) 70 miles per hour on any
4 interstate highway as defined by Section 1-133.1 of this Code
5 which includes all highways under the jurisdiction of the
6 Illinois State Toll Highway Authority; (2) 65 miles per hour
7 for all or part of highways that are designated by the
8 Department, have at least 4 lanes of traffic, and have a
9 separation between the roadways moving in opposite directions;
10 and (3) 55 miles per hour for all other highways, roads, and
11 streets. The counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Madison,
12 McHenry, St. Clair, and Will may adopt ordinances setting a
13 maximum speed limit on highways, roads, and streets that is
14 lower than the limits established by this Section.

15 (e) In the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry,
16 and Will, unless some lesser speed restriction is established
17 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban
18 district for a second division vehicle designed or used for
19 the carrying of a gross weight of 8,001 pounds or more
20 (including the weight of the vehicle and maximum load) is 60
21 miles per hour on any interstate highway as defined by Section
22 1-133.1 of this Code and 55 miles per hour on all other
23 highways, roads, and streets.

24 (e-1) (Blank).

25 (f) Unless some other speed restriction is established
26 under this Chapter, the maximum speed limit outside an urban

1 district for a bus is:

2 1. 65 miles per hour upon any highway which has at
3 least 4 lanes of traffic and of which the roadways for
4 traffic moving in opposite directions are separated by a
5 strip of ground which is not surfaced or suitable for
6 vehicular traffic, except that the maximum speed limit for
7 a bus on all highways, roads, or streets not under the
8 jurisdiction of the Department or the Illinois State Toll
9 Highway Authority is 55 miles per hour;

10 1.5. 70 miles per hour upon any interstate highway as
11 defined by Section 1-133.1 of this Code outside the
12 counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will;
13 and

14 2. 55 miles per hour on any other highway.

15 (g) (Blank).

16 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, no
17 law enforcement officer shall stop a motor vehicle for a
18 violation of the general speed restrictions recognized or
19 established under this Article, unless the violation is
20 chargeable as a misdemeanor or felony under this Code. No
21 evidence discovered or obtained as the result of a stop in
22 violation of this subsection, including, but not limited to,
23 evidence discovered or obtained with the operator's consent,
24 shall be admissible in any trial, hearing, or other
25 proceeding. A home rule unit may not regulate motor vehicles
26 in a manner inconsistent with this subsection. This subsection

1 is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article
2 VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by
3 home rule units of powers and functions exercised by the
4 State.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-511, eff. 1-1-14; 98-1126, eff. 1-1-15;
6 98-1128, eff. 1-1-15; 99-78, eff. 7-20-15.)

7 (625 ILCS 5/11-709) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-709)

8 Sec. 11-709. Driving on roadways laned for traffic.
9 Whenever any roadway has been divided into 2 or more clearly
10 marked lanes for traffic the following rules in addition to
11 all others consistent herewith shall apply.

12 (a) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable
13 entirely within a single lane and shall not be moved from such
14 lane until the driver has first ascertained that such movement
15 can be made with safety.

16 (b) Upon a roadway which is divided into 3 lanes and
17 provides for two-way movement of traffic, a vehicle shall not
18 be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and
19 passing another vehicle traveling in the same direction when
20 such center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or
21 in preparation for making a left turn or where such center lane
22 is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the
23 same direction that the vehicle is proceeding and such
24 allocation is designated by official traffic control devices.

25 (c) Official traffic control devices may be erected

1 directing specific traffic to use a designated lane or
2 designating those lanes to be used by traffic moving in a
3 particular direction regardless of the center of the roadway
4 and drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of every
5 such device. On multi-lane controlled access highways with 3
6 or more lanes in one direction or on any multi-laned highway
7 with 2 or more lanes in one direction, the Department may
8 designate lanes of traffic to be used by different types of
9 motor vehicles. Drivers must obey lane designation signing
10 except when it is necessary to use a different lane to make a
11 turning maneuver.

12 (d) Official traffic control devices may be installed
13 prohibiting the changing of lanes on sections of roadway and
14 drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of every such
15 device.

16 (e) A person is not in violation of this Section if he or
17 she is complying with Section 11-907, 11-907.5, or 11-908.

18 (f) No law enforcement officer shall stop a motor vehicle
19 for a violation of this Section, unless the violation is
20 chargeable as a misdemeanor or felony under this Code. No
21 evidence discovered or obtained as the result of a stop in
22 violation of this subsection, including, but not limited to,
23 evidence discovered or obtained with the operator's consent,
24 shall be admissible in any trial, hearing, or other
25 proceeding. A home rule unit may not regulate motor vehicles
26 in a manner inconsistent with this subsection. This subsection

1 is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article
2 VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by
3 home rule units of powers and functions exercised by the
4 State.

5 (Source: P.A. 101-173, eff. 1-1-20.)

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-201) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-201)

7 Sec. 12-201. When lighted lamps are required.

8 (a) When operated upon any highway in this State, every
9 motorcycle shall at all times exhibit at least one lighted
10 lamp, showing a white light visible for at least 500 feet in
11 the direction the motorcycle is proceeding. However, in lieu
12 of such lighted lamp, a motorcycle may be equipped with and use
13 a means of modulating the upper beam of the head lamp between
14 high and a lower brightness. No such head lamp shall be
15 modulated, except to otherwise comply with this Code, during
16 times when lighted lamps are required for other motor
17 vehicles.

18 (b) All other motor vehicles shall exhibit at least 2
19 lighted head lamps, with at least one on each side of the front
20 of the vehicle, which satisfy United States Department of
21 Transportation requirements, showing white lights, including
22 that emitted by high intensity discharge (HID) lamps, or
23 lights of a yellow or amber tint, during the period from sunset
24 to sunrise, at times when rain, snow, fog, or other
25 atmospheric conditions require the use of windshield wipers,

1 and at any other times when, due to insufficient light or
2 unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on
3 the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 1000
4 feet. Parking lamps may be used in addition to but not in lieu
5 of such head lamps. Every motor vehicle, trailer, or
6 semi-trailer shall also exhibit at least 2 lighted lamps,
7 commonly known as tail lamps, which shall be mounted on the
8 left rear and right rear of the vehicle so as to throw a red
9 light visible for at least 500 feet in the reverse direction,
10 except that a truck tractor or road tractor manufactured
11 before January 1, 1968 and all motorcycles need be equipped
12 with only one such tail lamp.

13 (c) Either a tail lamp or a separate lamp shall be so
14 constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light a
15 rear registration plate when required and render it clearly
16 legible from a distance of 50 feet to the rear. Any tail lamp
17 or tail lamps, together with any separate lamp or lamps for
18 illuminating a rear registration plate, shall be so wired as
19 to be lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving
20 lamps are lighted.

21 (d) A person shall install only head lamps that satisfy
22 United States Department of Transportation regulations and
23 show white light, including that emitted by HID lamps, or
24 light of a yellow or amber tint for use by a motor vehicle.

25 (e) (Blank).

26 (f) No law enforcement officer shall stop a motor vehicle

1 for a violation of this Section. No evidence discovered or
2 obtained as the result of a stop in violation of this
3 subsection, including, but not limited to, evidence discovered
4 or obtained with the operator's consent, shall be admissible
5 in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding. A home rule unit
6 may not regulate motor vehicles in a manner inconsistent with
7 this subsection. This subsection is a limitation under
8 subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois
9 Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home rule units of
10 powers and functions exercised by the State.

11 (Source: P.A. 96-487, eff. 1-1-10.)

12 (625 ILCS 5/12-208) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-208)

13 Sec. 12-208. Signal lamps and signal devices.

14 (a) Every vehicle other than an antique vehicle displaying
15 an antique plate or an expanded-use antique vehicle displaying
16 expanded-use antique vehicle plates operated in this State
17 shall be equipped with a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of the
18 vehicle which shall display a red or amber light visible from a
19 distance of not less than 500 feet to the rear in normal
20 sunlight and which shall be actuated upon application of the
21 service (foot) brake, and which may but need not be
22 incorporated with other rear lamps. During times when lighted
23 lamps are not required, an antique vehicle or an expanded-use
24 antique vehicle may be equipped with a stop lamp or lamps on
25 the rear of such vehicle of the same type originally installed

1 by the manufacturer as original equipment and in working
2 order. However, at all other times, except as provided in
3 subsection (a-1), such antique vehicle or expanded-use antique
4 vehicle must be equipped with stop lamps meeting the
5 requirements of Section 12-208 of this Act.

6 (a-1) A motorcycle or an antique vehicle or an
7 expanded-use antique vehicle, including an antique motorcycle,
8 may display a blue light or lights of up to one inch in
9 diameter as part of the vehicle's rear stop lamp or lamps.

10 (b) Every motor vehicle other than an antique vehicle
11 displaying an antique plate or an expanded-use antique vehicle
12 displaying expanded-use antique vehicle plates shall be
13 equipped with an electric turn signal device which shall
14 indicate the intention of the driver to turn to the right or to
15 the left, change lanes, turn a vehicle, or otherwise turn or
16 maneuver a vehicle from a direct course of travel in the form
17 of flashing lights located at and showing to the front and rear
18 of the vehicle on the side of the vehicle toward which the turn
19 is to be made. The lamps showing to the front shall be mounted
20 on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as
21 practicable and, when signaling, shall emit a white or amber
22 light, or any shade of light between white and amber. The lamps
23 showing to the rear shall be mounted on the same level and as
24 widely spaced laterally as practicable and, when signaling,
25 shall emit a red or amber light. An antique vehicle or
26 expanded-use antique vehicle shall be equipped with a turn

1 signal device of the same type originally installed by the
2 manufacturer as original equipment and in working order.

3 (c) Every trailer and semitrailer shall be equipped with
4 an electric turn signal device which indicates the intention
5 of the driver in the power unit to turn to the right or to the
6 left in the form of flashing red or amber lights located at the
7 rear of the vehicle on the side toward which the turn is to be
8 made and mounted on the same level and as widely spaced
9 laterally as practicable.

10 (d) Turn signal lamps must be visible from a distance of
11 not less than 300 feet in normal sunlight.

12 (e) Motorcycles and motor-driven cycles need not be
13 equipped with electric turn signals. Antique vehicles and
14 expanded-use antique vehicles need not be equipped with turn
15 signals unless such were installed by the manufacturer as
16 original equipment.

17 (f) (Blank).

18 (g) Motorcycles and motor-driven cycles may be equipped
19 with a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of the vehicle that
20 display a red or amber light, visible from a distance of not
21 less than 500 feet to the rear in normal sunlight, that flashes
22 and becomes steady only when the brake is actuated.

23 (h) Electric turn signal lamps shall not be flashed or
24 left in the on position other than to indicate the intention of
25 a driver to turn a vehicle left or right, change lanes, or
26 otherwise turn or maneuver a vehicle from a direct course of

1 travel.

2 (i) No law enforcement officer shall stop a motor vehicle
3 for a violation of this Section. No evidence discovered or
4 obtained as the result of a stop in violation of this
5 subsection, including, but not limited to, evidence discovered
6 or obtained with the operator's consent, shall be admissible
7 in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding. A home rule unit
8 may not regulate motor vehicles in a manner inconsistent with
9 this subsection. This subsection is a limitation under
10 subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois
11 Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home rule units of
12 powers and functions exercised by the State.

13 (Source: P.A. 102-508, eff. 8-20-21.)

14 (625 ILCS 5/12-503) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-503)

15 Sec. 12-503. Windshields must be unobstructed and equipped
16 with wipers.

17 (a) No person shall drive a motor vehicle with any sign,
18 poster, window application, reflective material, nonreflective
19 material, or tinted film upon the front windshield, except
20 that a nonreflective tinted film may be used along the
21 uppermost portion of the windshield if such material does not
22 extend more than 6 inches down from the top of the windshield.

23 (a-3) No new or used motor vehicle dealer shall permit a
24 driver to drive a motor vehicle offered for sale or lease off
25 the premises where the motor vehicle is being offered for sale

1 or lease, including when the driver is test driving the
2 vehicle, with signs, decals, paperwork, or other material on
3 the front windshield or on the windows immediately adjacent to
4 each side of the driver that would obstruct the driver's view
5 in violation of subsection (a) of this Section. For purposes
6 of this subsection (a-3), "test driving" means when a driver,
7 with permission of the new or used vehicle dealer or employee
8 of the new or used vehicle dealer, drives a vehicle owned and
9 held for sale or lease by a new or used vehicle dealer that the
10 driver is considering to purchase or lease.

11 (a-5) No window treatment or tinting shall be applied to
12 the windows immediately adjacent to each side of the driver,
13 except:

14 (1) On vehicles where none of the windows to the rear
15 of the driver's seat are treated in a manner that allows
16 less than 30% light transmittance, a nonreflective tinted
17 film that allows at least 50% light transmittance, with a
18 5% variance observed by any law enforcement official
19 metering the light transmittance, may be used on the
20 vehicle windows immediately adjacent to each side of the
21 driver.

22 (2) On vehicles where none of the windows to the rear
23 of the driver's seat are treated in a manner that allows
24 less than 35% light transmittance, a nonreflective tinted
25 film that allows at least 35% light transmittance, with a
26 5% variance observed by any law enforcement official

1 metering the light transmittance, may be used on the
2 vehicle windows immediately adjacent to each side of the
3 driver.

4 (3) (Blank).

5 (4) On vehicles where a nonreflective smoked or tinted
6 glass that was originally installed by the manufacturer on
7 the windows to the rear of the driver's seat, a
8 nonreflective tint that allows at least 50% light
9 transmittance, with a 5% variance observed by a law
10 enforcement official metering the light transmittance, may
11 be used on the vehicle windows immediately adjacent to
12 each side of the driver.

13 (a-10) No person shall install or repair any material
14 prohibited by subsection (a) of this Section.

15 (1) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a person
16 from removing or altering any material prohibited by
17 subsection (a) to make a motor vehicle comply with the
18 requirements of this Section.

19 (2) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a person
20 from installing window treatment for a person with a
21 medical condition described in subsection (g) of this
22 Section. An installer who installs window treatment for a
23 person with a medical condition described in subsection
24 (g) must obtain a copy of the certified statement or
25 letter written by a physician described in subsection (g)
26 from the person with the medical condition prior to

1 installing the window treatment. The copy of the certified
2 statement or letter must be kept in the installer's
3 permanent records.

4 (b) On motor vehicles where window treatment has not been
5 applied to the windows immediately adjacent to each side of
6 the driver, the use of a perforated window screen or other
7 decorative window application on windows to the rear of the
8 driver's seat shall be allowed.

9 (b-5) Any motor vehicle with a window to the rear of the
10 driver's seat treated in this manner shall be equipped with a
11 side mirror on each side of the motor vehicle which are in
12 conformance with Section 12-502.

13 (c) No person shall drive a motor vehicle with any objects
14 placed or suspended between the driver and the rear window,
15 side wings, or side windows immediately adjacent to each side
16 of the driver which materially obstructs the driver's view.

17 (c-5) No person shall drive a motor vehicle with any
18 objects placed or suspended between the driver and the front
19 windshield which materially obstruct the driver's view. No
20 motor vehicle, or driver or passenger of such vehicle, shall
21 be stopped or searched by any law enforcement officer solely
22 on the basis of a violation or suspected violation of this
23 subsection.

24 (d) Every motor vehicle, except motorcycles, shall be
25 equipped with a device, controlled by the driver, for cleaning
26 rain, snow, moisture, or other obstructions from the

1 windshield; and no person shall drive a motor vehicle with
2 snow, ice, moisture, or other material on any of the windows or
3 mirrors, which materially obstructs the driver's clear view of
4 the highway.

5 (e) No person shall drive a motor vehicle when the
6 windshield, side, or rear windows are in such defective
7 condition or repair as to materially impair the driver's view
8 to the front, side, or rear. A vehicle equipped with a side
9 mirror on each side of the vehicle which are in conformance
10 with Section 12-502 will be deemed to be in compliance in the
11 event the rear window of the vehicle is materially obscured.

12 (f) Subsections (a), (a-5), (b), and (b-5) of this Section
13 shall not apply to:

14 (1) (Blank).

15 (2) those motor vehicles properly registered in
16 another jurisdiction.

17 (g) Subsections (a) and (a-5) of this Section shall not
18 apply to window treatment, including, but not limited to, a
19 window application, nonreflective material, or tinted film,
20 applied or affixed to a motor vehicle for which distinctive
21 license plates or license plate stickers have been issued
22 pursuant to subsection (k) of Section 3-412 of this Code, and
23 which:

24 (1) is owned and operated by a person afflicted with
25 or suffering from a medical disease, including, but not
26 limited to, systemic or discoid lupus erythematosus,

1 disseminated superficial actinic porokeratosis, light
2 sensitivity as a result of a traumatic brain injury, or
3 albinism, which would require that person to be shielded
4 from the direct rays of the sun; or

5 (2) is used in transporting a person when the person
6 resides at the same address as the registered owner of the
7 vehicle and the person is afflicted with or suffering from
8 a medical disease which would require the person to be
9 shielded from the direct rays of the sun, including, but
10 not limited to, systemic or discoid lupus erythematosus,
11 disseminated superficial actinic porokeratosis, light
12 sensitivity as a result of a traumatic brain injury, or
13 albinism.

14 The owner must obtain a certified statement or letter
15 written by a physician licensed to practice medicine in
16 Illinois that such person owning and operating or being
17 transported in a motor vehicle is afflicted with or
18 suffers from such disease, including, but not limited to,
19 systemic or discoid lupus erythematosus, disseminated
20 superficial actinic porokeratosis, light sensitivity as a
21 result of a traumatic brain injury, or albinism. However,
22 no exemption from the requirements of subsection (a-5)
23 shall be granted for any condition for which protection
24 from the direct rays of the sun can be adequately obtained
25 by the use of sunglasses or other eye protective devices.

26 Such certification must be carried in the motor

1 vehicle at all times. The certification shall be legible
2 and shall contain the date of issuance, the name, address,
3 and signature of the attending physician, and the name,
4 address, and medical condition of the person requiring
5 exemption. The information on the certificate for a window
6 treatment must remain current and shall be renewed every 4
7 years by the attending physician. The owner shall also
8 submit a copy of the certification to the Secretary of
9 State. The Secretary of State may forward notice of
10 certification to law enforcement agencies.

11 (g-5) (Blank).

12 (g-7) Installers shall only install window treatment
13 authorized by subsection (g) on motor vehicles for which
14 distinctive plates or license plate stickers have been issued
15 pursuant to subsection (k) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The
16 distinctive license plates or plate sticker must be on the
17 motor vehicle at the time of window treatment installation.

18 (h) Subsection (a) of this Section shall not apply to
19 motor vehicle stickers or other certificates issued by State
20 or local authorities which are required to be displayed upon
21 motor vehicle windows to evidence compliance with requirements
22 concerning motor vehicles.

23 (i) (Blank).

24 (j) A person found guilty of violating subsection (a),
25 (a-3), (a-5), (a-10), (b), (b-5), or (g-7) of this Section
26 shall be guilty of a petty offense and fined no less than \$50

1 nor more than \$500. A second or subsequent violation of
2 subsection (a), (a-3), (a-5), (a-10), (b), (b-5), or (g-7) of
3 this Section shall be treated as a Class C misdemeanor and the
4 violator fined no less than \$100 nor more than \$500. Any person
5 convicted under subsection (a), (a-5), (b), or (b-5) of this
6 Section shall be ordered to alter any nonconforming windows
7 into compliance with this Section.

8 (k) Except as provided in subsection (a-3) of this
9 Section, nothing in this Section shall create a cause of
10 action on behalf of a buyer against a vehicle dealer or
11 manufacturer who sells a motor vehicle with a window which is
12 in violation of this Section.

13 (l) The Secretary of State shall provide a notice of the
14 requirements of this Section to a new resident applying for
15 vehicle registration in this State pursuant to Section 3-801
16 of this Code. The Secretary of State may comply with this
17 subsection by posting the requirements of this Section on the
18 Secretary of State's website.

19 (m) No law enforcement officer shall stop a motor vehicle
20 for a violation of this Section. No evidence discovered or
21 obtained as the result of a stop in violation of this
22 subsection, including, but not limited to, evidence discovered
23 or obtained with the operator's consent, shall be admissible
24 in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding. A home rule unit
25 may not regulate motor vehicles in a manner inconsistent with
26 this subsection or any other provision of this Section. This

1 subsection ~~Section~~ is a limitation under subsection (i) of
2 Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the
3 concurrent exercise by home rule units of powers and functions
4 exercised by the State.

5 (Source: P.A. 102-111, eff. 1-1-22; 103-32, eff. 1-1-24.)

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-602) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-602)

7 Sec. 12-602. Mufflers, prevention of noise.

8 Every motor vehicle driven or operated upon the highways
9 of this State shall at all times be equipped with an adequate
10 muffler or exhaust system in constant operation and properly
11 maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise. No such
12 muffler or exhaust system shall be equipped with a cutout,
13 bypass or similar device. No person shall modify the exhaust
14 system of a motor vehicle in a manner which will amplify or
15 increase the noise of such vehicle above that emitted by the
16 muffler originally installed on the vehicle, and such original
17 muffler shall comply with all the requirements of this
18 Section. No law enforcement officer shall stop a motor vehicle
19 for a violation of this Section. No evidence discovered or
20 obtained as the result of a stop in violation of this Section,
21 including, but not limited to, evidence discovered or obtained
22 with the operator's consent, shall be admissible in any trial,
23 hearing, or other proceeding. A home rule unit may not
24 regulate motor vehicles in a manner inconsistent with this
25 subsection. This Section is a limitation under subsection (i)

1 of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the
2 concurrent exercise by home rule units of powers and functions
3 exercised by the State.

4 (Source: P.A. 77-37.)

5 (625 ILCS 5/12-603.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-603.1)

6 Sec. 12-603.1. Driver and passenger required to use safety
7 belts, exceptions and penalty.

8 (a) Each driver and passenger of a motor vehicle operated
9 on a street or highway in this State shall wear a properly
10 adjusted and fastened seat safety belt. A child less than 8
11 years of age shall be protected as required pursuant to the
12 Child Passenger Protection Act. Each driver of a motor vehicle
13 transporting a child 8 years of age or more, but less than 16
14 years of age, shall secure the child in a properly adjusted and
15 fastened seat safety belt as required under the Child
16 Passenger Protection Act. Each driver of a motor vehicle
17 transporting a passenger who is unable, due to infirmity,
18 illness, or age, to properly adjust and fasten a seat safety
19 belt and is not exempted from wearing a seat safety belt under
20 subsection (b) shall secure the passenger in a properly
21 adjusted and fastened seat safety belt as required under this
22 Section.

23 (b) Paragraph (a) shall not apply to any of the following:

24 1. A driver or passenger frequently stopping and
25 leaving the vehicle or delivering property from the

1 vehicle, if the speed of the vehicle between stops does
2 not exceed 15 miles per hour.

3 2. A driver or passenger possessing a written
4 statement from a physician that such person is unable, for
5 medical or physical reasons, to wear a seat safety belt.

6 3. A driver or passenger possessing an official
7 certificate or license endorsement issued by the
8 appropriate agency in another state or country indicating
9 that the driver is unable for medical, physical, or other
10 valid reasons to wear a seat safety belt.

11 4. A driver operating a motor vehicle in reverse.

12 5. A motor vehicle with a model year prior to 1965.

13 6. A motorcycle or motor driven cycle.

14 7. A moped.

15 8. A motor vehicle which is not required to be
16 equipped with seat safety belts under federal law.

17 9. A motor vehicle operated by a rural letter carrier
18 of the United States postal service while performing
19 duties as a rural letter carrier.

20 10. A driver or passenger of an authorized emergency
21 vehicle, except this exception does not apply to vehicles
22 of the fire department; vehicles of the Office of the
23 State Fire Marshal; or ambulances, unless the delivery of
24 life-saving measures prohibits the use of a seat safety
25 belt.

26 11. A back seat passenger of a taxicab.

1 (c) Failure to wear a seat safety belt in violation of this
2 Section shall not be considered evidence of negligence, shall
3 not limit the liability of an insurer, and shall not diminish
4 any recovery for damages arising out of the ownership,
5 maintenance, or operation of a motor vehicle.

6 (d) A violation of this Section shall be a petty offense
7 and subject to a fine not to exceed \$25.

8 (e) (Blank).

9 (f) No ~~A~~ law enforcement officer shall stop a motor
10 vehicle for a violation of this Section. No evidence
11 discovered or obtained as the result of a stop in violation of
12 this subsection, including, but not limited to, evidence
13 discovered or obtained with the operator's consent, shall be
14 admissible in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding ~~may not~~
15 ~~search or inspect a motor vehicle, its contents, the driver,~~
16 ~~or a passenger solely because of a violation of this Section. A~~
17 home rule unit may not regulate motor vehicles in a manner
18 inconsistent with this subsection. This subsection is a
19 limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of
20 the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home
21 rule units of powers and functions exercised by the State.

22 (Source: P.A. 97-16, eff. 1-1-12; 97-333, eff. 8-12-11;
23 98-451, eff. 8-16-13.)

24 (625 ILCS 5/12-608) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-608)

25 Sec. 12-608. Bumpers.

1 (a) It shall be unlawful to operate any motor vehicle with
 2 a gross vehicle weight rating of 9,000 pounds or less or any
 3 motor vehicle registered as a recreational vehicle under this
 4 Code on any highway of this State unless such motor vehicle is
 5 equipped with both a front and rear bumper.

6 Except as indicated below, maximum bumper heights of such
 7 motor vehicles shall be determined by weight category of gross
 8 vehicle weight rating (GVWR) measured from a level surface to
 9 the highest point of the bottom of the bumper when the vehicle
 10 is unloaded and the tires are inflated to the manufacturer's
 11 recommended pressure.

12 Maximum bumper heights are as follows:

Maximum Front	Maximum Rear	
Bumper height	Bumper Height	
All motor vehicles of the first division except multipurpose		
passenger vehicles:	22 inches	22 inches
Multipurpose passenger vehicles		
and all other motor vehicles:		
4,500 lbs. and under GVWR	24 inches	26 inches
4,501 lbs. through 7,500		
lbs. GVWR	27 inches	29 inches
7,501 lbs. through 9,000		
lbs. GVWR	28 inches	30 inches

25 It is unlawful to operate upon any highway of this State
 26 any vehicle with a front bumper height that exceeds 28 inches

1 or a rear bumper height that exceeds 30 inches, regardless of
2 the GVWR of the vehicle, except those vehicles covered by
3 Chapter 18b of this Code.

4 For any vehicle with bumpers or attaching components which
5 have been modified or altered from the original manufacturer's
6 design in order to conform with the maximum bumper
7 requirements of this section, the bumper height shall be
8 measured from a level surface to the bottom of the vehicle
9 frame rail at the most forward and rearward points of the frame
10 rail. The bumper on any vehicle so modified or altered shall be
11 at least 4.5 inches in vertical height and extend no less than
12 the width of the respective wheel tracks outermost distance.

13 However, nothing in this Section shall prevent the
14 installation of bumper guards.

15 (b) This Section shall not apply to street rods, custom
16 vehicles, motor vehicles designed or modified primarily for
17 off-highway purposes while such vehicles are in tow or to
18 motorcycles or motor driven cycles, nor to motor vehicles
19 registered as antique vehicles or expanded-use antique
20 vehicles when the original design of such antique vehicles or
21 expanded-use antique vehicles did not include bumpers. The
22 provisions of this Section shall not apply to any motor
23 vehicle driven during the first 1000 recorded miles of that
24 vehicle, when such vehicle is owned or operated by a
25 manufacturer, dealer or transporter displaying a special plate
26 or plates as described in Chapter 3 of this Code while such

1 vehicle is (1) being delivered from the manufacturing or
2 assembly plant directly to the purchasing dealer or
3 distributor, or from one dealership or distributor to another;
4 (2) being moved by the most direct route from one location to
5 another for the purpose of installing special bodies or
6 equipment; or (3) being driven for purposes of demonstration
7 by a prospective buyer with the dealer or his agent present in
8 the cab of the vehicle during the demonstration.

9 The dealer shall, prior to the receipt of any deposit made
10 or any contract signed by the buyer to secure the purchase of a
11 vehicle, inform such buyer, by written statement signed by the
12 purchaser to indicate acknowledgment ~~acknowledgement~~ of the
13 contents thereof, of the legal requirements of this Section
14 regarding front and rear bumpers if such vehicle is not to be
15 equipped with bumpers at the time of delivery.

16 (c) Any violation ~~of this Section is a Class C~~
17 ~~misdemeanor. A second conviction~~ under this Section shall be
18 punishable with a fine of not less than \$500. ~~An officer making~~
19 ~~an arrest under this Section shall order the vehicle driver to~~
20 ~~remove the vehicle from the highway.~~ A person found in
21 violation of ~~convicted under~~ this Section shall be ordered to
22 bring his vehicle into compliance with this Section.

23 (d) No law enforcement officer shall stop a motor vehicle
24 for a violation of this Section. No evidence discovered or
25 obtained as the result of a stop in violation of this
26 subsection, including, but not limited to, evidence discovered

1 or obtained with the operator's consent, shall be admissible
2 in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding. A home rule unit
3 may not regulate motor vehicles in a manner inconsistent with
4 this subsection. This subsection is a limitation under
5 subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois
6 Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home rule units of
7 powers and functions exercised by the State.

8 (Source: P.A. 97-412, eff. 1-1-12.)