

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

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 adding Section 12-601.1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-601.1 new)

7 Sec. 12-601.1. Traffic control signal preemption
8 devices.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "traffic control signal
10 preemption device" means any device, either mechanical or
11 electrical, that emits a pulse of light or other signal that,
12 when received by a detector attached to a traffic control
13 signal, changes that traffic control signal to a green light
14 or, if the traffic control signal is already green, extends
15 the duration of the green light.

16 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a traffic
17 control signal preemption device may not be installed on a
18 motor vehicle and may not be operated by the driver or
19 passenger of a motor vehicle.

20 (c) Installation of a traffic control signal preemption
21 device is permitted on the following vehicles, and operation
22 of the device is permitted as follows:

23 (1) Police department vehicles, when responding to
24 a bona fide emergency, when used in combination with
25 red or blue oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

26 (2) Law enforcement vehicles of State or local
27 authorities, when responding to a bona fide emergency, when
28 used in combination with red oscillating, rotating, or
29 flashing lights.

30 (3) Vehicles of local fire departments and State or
31 federal firefighting vehicles, when responding to a bona

1 fide emergency, when used in combination with red
2 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

3 (4) Vehicles that are designed and used exclusively
4 as ambulances or rescue vehicles, when responding to a
5 bona fide emergency, when used in combination with red
6 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

7 (5) Vehicles that are equipped and used exclusively
8 as organ transport vehicles, when the transportation is
9 declared an emergency by a member of the transplant team
10 or a representative of the organ procurement
11 organization, when used in combination with red
12 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

13 (6) Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management
14 Agency and vehicles of the Department of Nuclear Safety,
15 when responding to a bona fide emergency, when used in
16 combination with red oscillating, rotating, or flashing
17 lights.

18 (7) Commuter buses owned by any political
19 subdivision of this State, operated either by the
20 political subdivision or its lessee or agent, and
21 offering short-haul for-hire regularly scheduled
22 passenger transportation service, over regular routes
23 with fixed schedules, within metropolitan and suburban
24 areas, when used to extend the duration of an already
25 green light to meet schedules.

26 (d) Violation of this Section is a Class A misdemeanor.

27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
28 becoming law.