

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 changing Section 12-609 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-609) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-609)

7 Sec. 12-609. (a) No official or employee of the State,
8 or any political subdivision thereof, any county,
9 municipality, or local authority, and no owner or employee of
10 any new vehicle dealer, used vehicle dealer, or vehicle
11 auctioneer shall sell, trade or otherwise dispose of any
12 motor vehicle bearing equipment, markings, or other indicia
13 of police authority unless, prior to delivery of the vehicle,
14 the equipment and markings have been sufficiently altered or
15 obliterated to remove the appearance of such authority.

16 (b) A person may not operate on the highways of this
17 State a vehicle bearing the equipment, markings, or other
18 indicia of police authority, unless the vehicle is an
19 authorized emergency vehicle as defined in Section 1-105 of
20 this Code.

21 (c) This Section does not apply to vehicles bearing
22 indicia of police authority that are antique vehicles, as
23 defined in Section 1-102.1, and are registered as antique
24 vehicles, as provided in Section 3-804.

25 (d) Any police officer is authorized to seize any
26 vehicle that is in violation of this Section and to impound
27 that vehicle, at the owner's expense, until any equipment,
28 markings, or other indicia of police authority have been
29 sufficiently removed, altered, or obliterated to remove the
30 appearance of police authority.

31 (e) A person convicted of violating this Section is

1 guilty of a petty offense and subject to a fine of not less
2 than \$500 and not more than \$1,000.

3 (Source: P.A. 79-544; 79-1454.)