

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.)