

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.