

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 451

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 451 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Section 12-608 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-608) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-608)
7 Sec. 12-608. Bumpers.

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

13 Except as indicated below, maximum bumper heights of such
14 motor vehicles shall be determined by weight category of
15 gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) measured from a level
16 surface to the highest point of the bottom of the bumper when
17 the vehicle is unloaded and the tires are inflated to the
18 manufacturer's recommended pressure.

19 Maximum bumper heights are as follows:

20 Maximum Front	Maximum Rear
21 Bumper height	Bumper Height

22 All motor vehicles of the first

1	division except multipurpose		
2	passenger vehicles:	22 inches	22 inches
3	Multipurpose passenger vehicles and		
4	all other motor vehicles:		
5	4,500 lbs. and under GVWR	24 inches	26 inches
6	4,501 lbs. through 7,500		
7	lbs. GVWR	27 inches	29 inches
8	7,501 lbs. through 9,000		
9	lbs. GVWR	28 inches	30 inches

10 It is unlawful to operate upon any highway of this State
 11 any vehicle with a front bumper height that exceeds 28 inches
 12 or a rear bumper height that exceeds 30 inches, regardless of
 13 the GVWR of the vehicle, except those vehicles covered by
 14 Chapter 18b of this Code.

15 For any vehicle with bumpers or attaching components
 16 which have been modified or altered from the original
 17 manufacturer's design in order to conform with the maximum
 18 bumper requirements of this section, the bumper height shall
 19 be measured from a level surface to the bottom of the vehicle
 20 frame rail at the most forward and rearward points of the
 21 frame rail. The bumper on any vehicle so modified or altered
 22 shall be at least 4.5 inches in vertical height and extend no
 23 less than the width of the respective wheel tracks outermost
 24 distance.

25 However, nothing in this Section shall prevent the
 26 installation of bumper guards.

27 (b) This Section shall not apply to street rods, custom
 28 vehicles, motor vehicles designed or modified primarily for
 29 off-highway purposes while such vehicles are in tow or to
 30 motorcycles or motor driven cycles, nor to motor vehicles
 31 registered as antique vehicles when the original design of
 32 such antique vehicles did not include bumpers. The provisions
 33 of this Section shall not apply to any motor vehicle driven
 34 during the first 1000 recorded miles of that vehicle, when

1 such vehicle is owned or operated by a manufacturer, dealer
2 or transporter displaying a special plate or plates as
3 described in Chapter 3 of this Code while such vehicle is (1)
4 being delivered from the manufacturing or assembly plant
5 directly to the purchasing dealer or distributor, or from one
6 dealership or distributor to another; (2) being moved by the
7 most direct route from one location to another for the
8 purpose of installing special bodies or equipment; or (3)
9 being driven for purposes of demonstration by a prospective
10 buyer with the dealer or his agent present in the cab of the
11 vehicle during the demonstration.

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

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

26 (Source: P.A. 92-668, eff. 1-1-03.)"