

1 AN ACT concerning 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 Sections 11-310 and 12-208 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-310) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-310)

7 Sec. 11-310. Display of unauthorized signs, signals, or
8 markings.

9 (a) No person shall place, maintain or display upon or
10 in view of any highway any unauthorized sign, signal,
11 marking, or device which purports to be or is an imitation of
12 or resembles an official traffic-control device or railroad
13 sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of
14 traffic, or which hides from view or interferes with the
15 movement of traffic or the effectiveness of an official
16 traffic-control device or any railroad sign or signal.

17 (b) No person shall place or maintain nor shall any
18 public authority permit upon any highway any traffic sign or
19 signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising.

20 (c) Every such prohibited sign, signal or marking is
21 hereby declared to be a public nuisance and the authority
22 having jurisdiction over the highway is hereby empowered to
23 remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice.

24 (d) No person shall sell or offer for sale any traffic
25 control device to be used on any street or highway in this
26 State which does not conform to the requirements of this
27 Chapter.

28 (e) This Section shall not be deemed to prohibit the
29 erection upon private property adjacent to highways of signs
30 giving useful directional information and of a type that
31 cannot be mistaken for official signs.

1 (f) This Section shall not be deemed to prohibit the
2 erection of Illinois Adopt-A-Highway signs by municipalities,
3 townships, or counties as provided in the Illinois
4 Adopt-A-Highway Act.

5 (f-1) This Section does not prohibit a municipality from
6 placing and displaying along or over a highway a sign or
7 banner if the following conditions are met:

8 (1) The sign or banner honors community or student
9 achievements and bears no commercial advertising.

10 (2) The sign or banner is of a size no greater than
11 30 square feet.

12 (3) The sign or banner does not obstruct or
13 endanger traffic or obstruct the view of the driver of
14 any vehicle.

15 (4) The sign or banner remains in place no more
16 than 30 days.

17 (5) The municipality obtains the approval of the
18 Department before placing a sign or banner along or over
19 any highway under the jurisdiction of the Department.

20 The Department must respond with approval or denial
21 within 7 days of receiving a municipality's request for
22 approval under paragraph (5) of this subsection (f-1).

23 (g) Any person failing to comply with this Section shall
24 be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

25 (Source: P.A. 87-1118.)

26 (625 ILCS 5/12-208) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-208)

27 Sec. 12-208. Signal lamps and signal devices.

28 (a) Every vehicle other than an antique vehicle
29 displaying an antique plate operated in this State shall be
30 equipped with a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of the vehicle
31 which shall display a red or amber light visible from a
32 distance of not less than 500 feet to the rear in normal
33 sunlight and which shall be actuated upon application of the

1 service (foot) brake, and which may but need not be
2 incorporated with other rear lamps. During times when lighted
3 lamps are not required, an antique vehicle may be equipped
4 with a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of such vehicle of the
5 same type originally installed by the manufacturer as
6 original equipment and in working order. However, at all
7 other times, except as provided in subsection (a-1), such
8 antique vehicle must be equipped with stop lamps meeting the
9 requirements of Section 12-208 of this Act.

10 (a-1) An antique vehicle may display a blue light or
11 lights of up to one inch in diameter as part of the vehicle's
12 rear stop lamp or lamps.

13 (b) Every motor vehicle other than an antique vehicle
14 displaying an antique plate shall be equipped with an
15 electric turn signal device which shall indicate the
16 intention of the driver to turn to the right or to the left
17 in the form of flashing lights located at and showing to the
18 front and rear of the vehicle on the side of the vehicle
19 toward which the turn is to be made. The lamps showing to the
20 front shall be mounted on the same level and as widely spaced
21 laterally as practicable and, when signaling, shall emit a
22 white or amber light, or any shade of light between white and
23 amber. The lamps showing to the rear shall be mounted on the
24 same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and,
25 when signaling, shall emit a red or amber light. An antique
26 vehicle shall be equipped with a turn signal device of the
27 same type originally installed by the manufacturer as
28 original equipment and in working order.

29 (c) Every trailer and semitrailer shall be equipped with
30 an electric turn signal device which indicates the intention
31 of the driver in the power unit to turn to the right or to
32 the left in the form of flashing red or amber lights located
33 at the rear of the vehicle on the side toward which the turn
34 is to be made and mounted on the same level and as widely

1 spaced laterally as practicable.

2 (d) Turn signal lamps must be visible from a distance of
3 not less than 300 feet in normal sunlight.

4 (e) Motorcycles and motor-driven cycles need not be
5 equipped with electric turn signals. Antique vehicles need
6 not be equipped with turn signals unless such were installed
7 by the manufacturer as original equipment.

8 (f) For purposes of this Section, a custom vehicle or
9 street rod is considered to be in compliance with all signal
10 lamp and signal device requirements if it has passed the
11 approved safety inspection provided for in Section 3-804.1 or
12 3-804.2.

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

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
15 July 1, 2004.