



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/12-608

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-608

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that it is unlawful to operate upon any highway of this State any vehicle with a front bumper height that exceeds 28 inches or a rear bumper height that exceeds 30 inches, regardless of the gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle, except those vehicles covered by the Illinois Motor Carrier Safety Law. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT in relation to transportation.

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 changing
5 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 with
9 a gross vehicle weight rating of 9,000 pounds or less or any
10 motor vehicle registered as a recreational vehicle under this
11 Code on any highway of this State unless such motor vehicle is
12 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 gross
15 vehicle weight rating (GVWR) measured from a level surface to
16 the highest point of the bottom of the bumper when the vehicle
17 is unloaded and the tires are inflated to the manufacturer's
18 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	
23	division except multipurpose	
24	passenger vehicles:	22 inches 22 inches
25	Multipurpose passenger vehicles	
26	and all other motor vehicles:	
27	4,500 lbs. and under GVWR	24 inches 26 inches
28	4,501 lbs. through 7,500	
29	lbs. GVWR	27 inches 29 inches
30	7,501 lbs. through 9,000	
31	lbs. GVWR	28 inches 30 inches

32 It is unlawful to operate upon any highway of this State

1 any vehicle with a front bumper height that exceeds 28 inches
2 or a rear bumper height that exceeds 30 inches, regardless of
3 the GVWR of the vehicle, except those vehicles covered by
4 Chapter 18b of this Code.

5 For any vehicle with bumpers or attaching components which
6 have been modified or altered from the original manufacturer's
7 design in order to conform with the maximum bumper requirements
8 of this section, the bumper height shall be measured from a
9 level surface to the bottom of the vehicle frame rail at the
10 most forward and rearward points of the frame rail. The bumper
11 on any vehicle so modified or altered shall be at least 4.5
12 inches in vertical height and extend no less than the width of
13 the respective wheel tracks outermost distance.

14 However, nothing in this Section shall prevent the
15 installation of bumper guards.

16 (b) This Section shall not apply to street rods, custom
17 vehicles, motor vehicles designed or modified primarily for
18 off-highway purposes while such vehicles are in tow or to
19 motorcycles or motor driven cycles, nor to motor vehicles
20 registered as antique vehicles when the original design of such
21 antique vehicles did not include bumpers. The provisions of
22 this Section shall not apply to any motor vehicle driven during
23 the first 1000 recorded miles of that vehicle, when such
24 vehicle is owned or operated by a manufacturer, dealer or
25 transporter displaying a special plate or plates as described
26 in Chapter 3 of this Code while such vehicle is (1) being
27 delivered from the manufacturing or assembly plant directly to
28 the purchasing dealer or distributor, or from one dealership or
29 distributor to another; (2) being moved by the most direct
30 route from one location to another for the purpose of
31 installing special bodies or equipment; or (3) being driven for
32 purposes of demonstration by a prospective buyer with the
33 dealer or his agent present in the cab of the vehicle during
34 the demonstration.

35 The dealer shall, prior to the receipt of any deposit made
36 or any contract signed by the buyer to secure the purchase of a

1 vehicle, inform such buyer, by written statement signed by the
2 purchaser to indicate acknowledgement of the contents thereof,
3 of the legal requirements of this Section regarding front and
4 rear bumpers if such vehicle is not to be equipped with bumpers
5 at the time of delivery.

6 (c) Any violation of this Section is a Class C misdemeanor.
7 A second conviction under this Section shall be punishable with
8 a fine of not less than \$500. An officer making an arrest under
9 this Section shall order the vehicle driver to remove the
10 vehicle from the highway. A person convicted under this Section
11 shall be ordered to bring his vehicle into compliance with this
12 Section.

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

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.