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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1555

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1555 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding
5 Section 11-605.3 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-605.3 new)

7 Sec. 11-605.3. Special traffic protections while passing
8 parks and recreation facilities and areas.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 (1) "Park district" means the following entities:

11 (A) any park district organized under the Park
12 District Code;

13 (B) any park district organized under the Chicago
14 Park District Act; and

15 (C) any municipality, county, forest district,
16 school district, township, or other unit of local
17 government that operates a public recreation
18 department or public recreation facilities that has
19 recreation facilities that are not on land owned by any
20 park district listed in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
21 this subdivision (a)(1).

22 (2) "Park zone" means the recreation facilities and
23 areas on any land owned or operated by a park district that
24 is used for recreational purposes, or for access to those

1 recreational areas, including but not limited to: parks;
2 playgrounds; swimming pools; hiking trails; bicycle paths;
3 picnic areas; roads and streets; and parking lots.

4 (3) "Park zone street" means any street or intersection
5 under the control of a local unit of government, adjacent
6 to or within 220 yards of a park zone, where the local unit
7 of government has, by ordinance or resolution, designated
8 and approved the street or intersection as part of a park
9 zone. The designation may include a reduction in speed to
10 20 miles per hour or it may include a street without the
11 speed reduction. If a street already has a posted speed
12 limit lower than 20 miles per hour, then the lower limit
13 may be used for that park zone street.

14 (4) "Safety purposes" means the costs associated with:
15 park zone safety education; the purchase, installation,
16 and maintenance of signs, roadway painting, and caution
17 lights mounted on park zone signs; and any other expense
18 associated with park zones and park zone streets.

19 (b) On any day when children are present and within 50 feet
20 of motorized traffic, so that a potential hazard exists, a
21 person may not drive a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 20
22 miles per hour any lower posted speed, (i) while passing a park
23 zone or (ii) while traveling on a park zone street that has
24 been designated for the posted reduced speed, and where
25 children are going to and from recreation facilities and areas
26 located in a park zone.

27 (c) On any day when children are present and within 50 feet
28 of motorized traffic, so that a potential hazard exists,
29 failure to come to a complete stop at a stop sign or other
30 traffic control device, including failure to come to a complete
31 stop before a right turn otherwise permitted at a red light, is
32 a violation of this Section.

33 (d) Nothing in this Chapter prohibits the use of electronic
34 speed detecting devices within 500 feet of signs within a

1 special park zone indicating that zone. Evidence obtained
2 through use of those devices is admissible in any prosecution
3 for speeding or failing to stop at a traffic control device or
4 stop sign, if the device is used only for enforcement within
5 the special park zone or adjacent intersections.

6 (e) This Section does not apply unless appropriate signs
7 are posted upon streets and highways maintained by the
8 Department or by the unit of local government in which the park
9 zone is located. With regard to the special speed limit on park
10 zone streets, the signs must give proper due warning that a
11 park zone is being approached and must indicate the maximum
12 speed limit on the park zone street.

13 (f) A first violation of this Section is a petty offense
14 with a minimum fine of \$250. A second or subsequent violation
15 of this Section is a petty offense with a minimum fine of \$500.

16 (h) When a fine for a violation of subsection (a) is \$250
17 or greater, the person who violates this Section shall be
18 charged an additional \$50, to be paid to the park district for
19 safety purposes.

20 (i) The Department shall, within 6 months of the effective
21 date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly,
22 design a set of standardized traffic signs for park zones and
23 park zone streets, including but not limited to: "park zone",
24 "park zone speed limit", and "warning: approaching a park
25 zone". The design of these signs shall be made available to all
26 units of local government or manufacturers at no charge, except
27 for reproduction and postage."