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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 956

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 956 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Section 12-215 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-215) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-215)

7 Sec. 12-215. Oscillating, rotating or flashing lights on
8 motor vehicles. Except as otherwise provided in this Code:

9 (a) The use of red or white oscillating, rotating or
10 flashing lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited
11 except on:

12 1. Law enforcement vehicles of State, Federal or local
13 authorities;

14 2. A vehicle operated by a police officer or county
15 coroner and designated or authorized by local authorities,
16 in writing, as a law enforcement vehicle; however, such

1 designation or authorization must be carried in the
2 vehicle;

3 2.1. A vehicle operated by a fire chief who has
4 completed an emergency vehicle operation training course
5 approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal and
6 designated or authorized by local authorities, in writing,
7 as a fire department, fire protection district, or township
8 fire department vehicle; however, the designation or
9 authorization must be carried in the vehicle, and the
10 lights may be visible or activated only when responding to
11 a bona fide emergency;

12 3. Vehicles of local fire departments and State or
13 federal firefighting vehicles;

14 4. Vehicles which are designed and used exclusively as
15 ambulances or rescue vehicles; furthermore, such lights
16 shall not be lighted except when responding to an emergency
17 call for and while actually conveying the sick or injured;

18 5. Tow trucks licensed in a state that requires such
19 lights; furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted on
20 any such tow truck while the tow truck is operating in the
21 State of Illinois;

22 6. Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management
23 Agency, vehicles of the Illinois Department of Public
24 Health, and vehicles of the Department of Nuclear Safety;

25 7. Vehicles operated by a local or county emergency
26 management services agency as defined in the Illinois

1 Emergency Management Agency Act;

2 8. School buses operating alternately flashing head
3 lamps as permitted under Section 12-805 of this Code;

4 9. Vehicles that are equipped and used exclusively as
5 organ transplant vehicles when used in combination with
6 blue oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights;
7 furthermore, these lights shall be lighted only when the
8 transportation is declared an emergency by a member of the
9 transplant team or a representative of the organ
10 procurement organization; and

11 10. Vehicles of the Illinois Department of Natural
12 Resources that are used for mine rescue and explosives
13 emergency response.

14 (b) The use of amber oscillating, rotating or flashing
15 lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited except on:

16 1. Second division vehicles designed and used for
17 towing or hoisting vehicles; furthermore, such lights
18 shall not be lighted except as required in this paragraph
19 1; such lights shall be lighted when such vehicles are
20 actually being used at the scene of an accident or
21 disablement; if the towing vehicle is equipped with a flat
22 bed that supports all wheels of the vehicle being
23 transported, the lights shall not be lighted while the
24 vehicle is engaged in towing on a highway; if the towing
25 vehicle is not equipped with a flat bed that supports all
26 wheels of a vehicle being transported, the lights shall be

1 lighted while the towing vehicle is engaged in towing on a
2 highway during all times when the use of headlights is
3 required under Section 12-201 of this Code;

4 2. Motor vehicles or equipment of the State of
5 Illinois, local authorities and contractors; furthermore,
6 such lights shall not be lighted except while such vehicles
7 are engaged in maintenance or construction operations
8 within the limits of construction projects;

9 3. Vehicles or equipment used by engineering or survey
10 crews; furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted except
11 while such vehicles are actually engaged in work on a
12 highway;

13 4. Vehicles of public utilities, municipalities, or
14 other construction, maintenance or automotive service
15 vehicles except that such lights shall be lighted only as a
16 means for indicating the presence of a vehicular traffic
17 hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking
18 or passing while such vehicles are engaged in maintenance,
19 service or construction on a highway;

20 5. Oversized vehicle or load; however, such lights
21 shall only be lighted when moving under permit issued by
22 the Department under Section 15-301 of this Code;

23 6. The front and rear of motorized equipment owned and
24 operated by the State of Illinois or any political
25 subdivision thereof, which is designed and used for removal
26 of snow and ice from highways;

1 (6.1) The front and rear of motorized equipment or
2 vehicles that (i) are not owned by the State of Illinois or
3 any political subdivision of the State, (ii) are designed
4 and used for removal of snow and ice from highways and
5 parking lots, and (iii) are equipped with a snow plow that
6 is 12 feet in width; these lights may not be lighted except
7 when the motorized equipment or vehicle is actually being
8 used for those purposes on behalf of a unit of government;

9 7. Fleet safety vehicles registered in another state,
10 furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted except as
11 provided for in Section 12-212 of this Code;

12 8. Such other vehicles as may be authorized by local
13 authorities;

14 9. Law enforcement vehicles of State or local
15 authorities when used in combination with red oscillating,
16 rotating or flashing lights;

17 9.5. Propane delivery trucks;

18 10. Vehicles used for collecting or delivering mail for
19 the United States Postal Service provided that such lights
20 shall not be lighted except when such vehicles are actually
21 being used for such purposes;

22 11. Any vehicle displaying a slow-moving vehicle
23 emblem as provided in Section 12-205.1;

24 12. All trucks equipped with self-compactors or
25 roll-off hoists and roll-on containers for garbage or
26 refuse hauling. Such lights shall not be lighted except

1 when such vehicles are actually being used for such
2 purposes;

3 13. Vehicles used by a security company, alarm
4 responder, or control agency;

5 14. Security vehicles of the Department of Human
6 Services; however, the lights shall not be lighted except
7 when being used for security related purposes under the
8 direction of the superintendent of the facility where the
9 vehicle is located; and

10 15. Vehicles of union representatives, except that the
11 lights shall be lighted only while the vehicle is within
12 the limits of a construction project.

13 (c) The use of blue oscillating, rotating or flashing
14 lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited except on:

15 1. Rescue squad vehicles not owned by a fire department
16 and vehicles owned or operated by a:

17 voluntary firefighter;

18 paid firefighter;

19 part-paid firefighter;

20 call firefighter;

21 member of the board of trustees of a fire
22 protection district;

23 paid or unpaid member of a rescue squad;

24 paid or unpaid member of a voluntary ambulance
25 unit; or

26 paid or unpaid members of a local or county

1 emergency management services agency as defined in the
2 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, designated
3 or authorized by local authorities, in writing, and
4 carrying that designation or authorization in the
5 vehicle.

6 However, such lights are not to be lighted except when
7 responding to a bona fide emergency or when parked or
8 stationary at the scene of a fire, rescue call, ambulance
9 call, or motor vehicle accident.

10 Any person using these lights in accordance with this
11 subdivision (c)1 must carry on his or her person an
12 identification card or letter identifying the bona fide
13 member of a fire department, fire protection district,
14 rescue squad, ambulance unit, or emergency management
15 services agency that owns or operates that vehicle. The
16 card or letter must include:

17 (A) the name of the fire department, fire
18 protection district, rescue squad, ambulance unit, or
19 emergency management services agency;

20 (B) the member's position within the fire
21 department, fire protection district, rescue squad,
22 ambulance unit, or emergency management services
23 agency;

24 (C) the member's term of service; and

25 (D) the name of a person within the fire
26 department, fire protection district, rescue squad,

1 ambulance unit, or emergency management services
2 agency to contact to verify the information provided.

3 2. Police department vehicles in cities having a
4 population of 500,000 or more inhabitants.

5 3. Law enforcement vehicles of State or local
6 authorities when used in combination with red oscillating,
7 rotating or flashing lights.

8 4. Vehicles of local fire departments and State or
9 federal firefighting vehicles when used in combination
10 with red oscillating, rotating or flashing lights.

11 5. Vehicles which are designed and used exclusively as
12 ambulances or rescue vehicles when used in combination with
13 red oscillating, rotating or flashing lights; furthermore,
14 such lights shall not be lighted except when responding to
15 an emergency call.

16 6. Vehicles that are equipped and used exclusively as
17 organ transport vehicles when used in combination with red
18 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights; furthermore,
19 these lights shall only be lighted when the transportation
20 is declared an emergency by a member of the transplant team
21 or a representative of the organ procurement organization.

22 7. Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management
23 Agency, vehicles of the Illinois Department of Public
24 Health, and vehicles of the Department of Nuclear Safety,
25 when used in combination with red oscillating, rotating, or
26 flashing lights.

1 8. Vehicles operated by a local or county emergency
2 management services agency as defined in the Illinois
3 Emergency Management Agency Act, when used in combination
4 with red oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

5 9. Vehicles of the Illinois Department of Natural
6 Resources that are used for mine rescue and explosives
7 emergency response, when used in combination with red
8 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

9 (c-1) In addition to the blue oscillating, rotating, or
10 flashing lights permitted under subsection (c), and
11 notwithstanding subsection (a), a vehicle operated by a
12 voluntary firefighter, a voluntary member of a rescue squad, or
13 a member of a voluntary ambulance unit may be equipped with
14 flashing white headlights and blue grill lights, which may be
15 used only in responding to an emergency call or when parked or
16 stationary at the scene of a fire, rescue call, ambulance call,
17 or motor vehicle accident.

18 (c-2) In addition to the blue oscillating, rotating, or
19 flashing lights permitted under subsection (c), and
20 notwithstanding subsection (a), a vehicle operated by a paid or
21 unpaid member of a local or county emergency management
22 services agency as defined in the Illinois Emergency Management
23 Agency Act, may be equipped with white oscillating, rotating,
24 or flashing lights to be used in combination with blue
25 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights, if authorization by
26 local authorities is in writing and carried in the vehicle.

1 (d) The use of a combination of amber and white
2 oscillating, rotating or flashing lights, whether lighted or
3 unlighted, is prohibited except motor vehicles or equipment of
4 the State of Illinois, local authorities, contractors, and
5 union representatives may be so equipped; furthermore, such
6 lights shall not be lighted on vehicles of the State of
7 Illinois, local authorities, and contractors except while such
8 vehicles are engaged in highway maintenance or construction
9 operations within the limits of highway construction projects,
10 and shall not be lighted on the vehicles of union
11 representatives except when those vehicles are within the
12 limits of a construction project.

13 (e) All oscillating, rotating or flashing lights referred
14 to in this Section shall be of sufficient intensity, when
15 illuminated, to be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight.

16 (f) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a manufacturer
17 of oscillating, rotating or flashing lights or his
18 representative from temporarily mounting such lights on a
19 vehicle for demonstration purposes only.

20 (g) Any person violating the provisions of subsections (a),
21 (b), (c) or (d) of this Section who without lawful authority
22 stops or detains or attempts to stop or detain another person
23 shall be guilty of a Class 2 felony.

24 (h) Except as provided in subsection (g) above, any person
25 violating the provisions of subsections (a) or (c) of this
26 Section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

1 (Source: P.A. 96-214, eff. 8-10-09; 96-1190, eff. 7-22-10.)".