

1 AN ACT in regard to 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 Section 12-208 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-208) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-208)

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

8 (a) Every vehicle other than an antique vehicle  
9 displaying an antique plate operated in this State shall be  
10 equipped with a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of the vehicle  
11 which shall display a red or amber light visible from a  
12 distance of not less than 500 feet to the rear in normal  
13 sunlight and which shall be actuated upon application of the  
14 service (foot) brake, and which may but need not be  
15 incorporated with other rear lamps. During times when lighted  
16 lamps are not required, an antique vehicle may be equipped  
17 with a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of such vehicle of the  
18 same type originally installed by the manufacturer as  
19 original equipment and in working order. However, at all  
20 other times, except as provided in subsection (a-1), such  
21 antique vehicle must be equipped with stop lamps meeting the  
22 requirements of Section 12-208 of this Act.

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

26 (b) Every motor vehicle other than an antique vehicle  
27 displaying an antique plate shall be equipped with an  
28 electric turn signal device which shall indicate the  
29 intention of the driver to turn to the right or to the left  
30 in the form of flashing lights located at and showing to the  
31 front and rear of the vehicle on the side of the vehicle

1 toward which the turn is to be made. The lamps showing to the  
2 front shall be mounted on the same level and as widely spaced  
3 laterally as practicable and, when signaling, shall emit a  
4 white or amber light, or any shade of light between white and  
5 amber. The lamps showing to the rear shall be mounted on the  
6 same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and,  
7 when signaling, shall emit a red or amber light. An antique  
8 vehicle shall be equipped with a turn signal device of the  
9 same type originally installed by the manufacturer as  
10 original equipment and in working order.

11 (c) Every trailer and semitrailer shall be equipped with  
12 an electric turn signal device which indicates the intention  
13 of the driver in the power unit to turn to the right or to  
14 the left in the form of flashing red or amber lights located  
15 at the rear of the vehicle on the side toward which the turn  
16 is to be made and mounted on the same level and as widely  
17 spaced laterally as practicable.

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

20 (e) Motorcycles and motor-driven cycles need not be  
21 equipped with electric turn signals. Antique vehicles need  
22 not be equipped with turn signals unless such were installed  
23 by the manufacturer as original equipment.

24 (Source: P.A. 77-37.)