

1 AN ACT in relation 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 adding  
5 Sections 1-113.1, 1-202.1, 3-804.1, and 3-804.2 and by  
6 changing Sections 3-413, 4-209, 12-201, 12-205, 12-208,  
7 12-301, 12-501, 12-607, 12-608, 13A-104, and 13B-15 as  
8 follows:

9 (625 ILCS 5/1-113.1 new)

10 Sec. 1-113.1. Custom vehicle. A motor vehicle that is at  
11 least 25 years of age and of a model year after 1948 or a  
12 vehicle that has been certified by an inspector of the  
13 National Street Rod Association, on a form prescribed by the  
14 Secretary of State, to be a custom vehicle manufactured to  
15 resemble a vehicle at least 25 years of age and of a model  
16 year after 1948 and has been altered from the manufacturer's  
17 original design or has a body constructed from non-original  
18 materials and which is maintained for occasional  
19 transportation, exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours,  
20 and similar uses and which is not used for general daily  
21 transportation.

22 (625 ILCS 5/1-202.1 new)

23 Sec. 1-202.1. Street rod. A motor vehicle that is a  
24 1948 or older vehicle or a vehicle that has been certified by  
25 an inspector of the National Street Rod Association, on a  
26 form prescribed by the Secretary of State, to be a street rod  
27 that was manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle that  
28 was manufactured before 1949 and has been altered from the  
29 manufacturer's original design or has a body constructed from  
30 non-original materials and which is maintained for occasional

1 transportation, exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours,  
 2 and similar uses and which is not used for general daily  
 3 transportation.

4 (625 ILCS 5/3-413) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413)  
 5 Sec. 3-413. Display of registration plates, registration  
 6 stickers and driveway decal permits.

7 (a) Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other  
 8 than a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer, truck-tractor,  
 9 apportioned bus, or apportioned truck shall be attached  
 10 thereto, one in the front and one in the rear. The  
 11 registration plate issued for a motorcycle, trailer or  
 12 semitrailer required to be registered hereunder and any  
 13 apportionment plate issued to a bus under the provisions of  
 14 this Code shall be attached to the rear thereof. The  
 15 registration plate issued for a truck-tractor or an  
 16 apportioned truck required to be registered hereunder shall  
 17 be attached to the front thereof.

18 (b) Every registration plate shall at all times be  
 19 securely fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for  
 20 which it is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging  
 21 and at a height of not less than 5 inches ~~12-inches~~ from the  
 22 ground, measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place  
 23 and position to be clearly visible and shall be maintained in  
 24 a condition to be clearly legible, free from any materials  
 25 that would obstruct the visibility of the plate, including,  
 26 but not limited to, glass covers and tinted plastic covers.  
 27 Clear plastic covers are permissible as long as they remain  
 28 clear and do not obstruct the visibility of the plates.  
 29 Registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed annual  
 30 registration shall be attached to registration plates as  
 31 required by the Secretary of State, and be clearly visible at  
 32 all times.

33 (c) Every driveway decal permit issued pursuant to this

1 Code shall be firmly attached to the inside windshield of the  
2 motor vehicle in such a manner that it cannot be removed  
3 without being destroyed. If such decal permits are affixed  
4 to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit shall be  
5 void and of no effect.

6 (d) The Illinois prorated decal issued to a foreign  
7 registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned  
8 with Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate and  
9 displayed on the front of such vehicle in the same manner as  
10 an Illinois registration plate.

11 (e) The registration plate issued for a camper body  
12 mounted on a truck displaying registration plates shall be  
13 attached to the rear of the camper body.

14 (f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the  
15 operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois  
16 registration plate, plates or registration stickers after the  
17 termination of the registration period for which issued or  
18 after the expiration date set pursuant to Sections 3-414 and  
19 3-414.1 of this Code.

20 (Source: P.A. 89-245, eff. 1-1-96; 89-375, eff. 8-18-95.)

21 (625 ILCS 5/3-804.1 new)

22 Sec. 3-804.1. Custom vehicles.

23 (a) The owner of a custom vehicle may register that  
24 vehicle for the standard registration fee for a vehicle of  
25 the first division, other than a motorcycle, motor driven  
26 cycle, or pedalcycle, and obtain a custom vehicle plate. An  
27 applicant for the special plate shall be charged, in addition  
28 to the standard registration fee, \$15 for original issuance  
29 to be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License  
30 Plate Fund, to be used by the Secretary to help defray  
31 administrative costs. For each renewal period, in addition to  
32 the standard registration fee, the applicant shall be charged  
33 \$2, which shall be deposited into the Secretary of State

1 Special License Plate Fund. The application for registration  
2 must be accompanied by an affirmation of the owner that the  
3 vehicle will be maintained for occasional transportation,  
4 exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, and similar  
5 uses and will not be used for general daily transportation.  
6 The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, prescribe that  
7 custom vehicle plates be issued for a definite or an  
8 indefinite term, the term to correspond to the term of  
9 registration plates issued generally, as provided in Section  
10 3-414.1. Any person requesting custom vehicle plates under  
11 this Section may also apply to have vanity or personalized  
12 plates as provided under Section 3-405.1.

13 (b) Upon initial registration of a custom vehicle, the  
14 owner of the custom vehicle must provide proof acceptable to  
15 the Secretary that, no more than 3 months before the date of  
16 the application for registration, the custom vehicle passed a  
17 safety inspection that (i) has been approved by the Secretary  
18 and (ii) is equivalent to the National Street Rod  
19 Association's prescribed vehicle safety inspection.

20 Except where otherwise provided, custom vehicles are  
21 considered to be in compliance with all vehicle equipment  
22 requirements if they have passed the approved vehicle safety  
23 inspection.

24 (625 ILCS 5/3-804.2 new)

25 Sec. 3-804.2. Street rods.

26 (a) The owner of a street rod may register the vehicle  
27 for the standard registration fee for a vehicle of the first  
28 division, other than a motorcycle, motor driven cycle, or  
29 pedalcycle, and obtain a street rod plate. An applicant for  
30 the special plate shall be charged, in addition to the  
31 standard registration fee, \$15 for original issuance to be  
32 deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate  
33 Fund, to be used by the Secretary to help defray

1 administrative costs. For each renewal period, in addition to  
2 the standard registration fee, the applicant shall be charged  
3 \$2, which shall be deposited into the Secretary of State  
4 Special License Plate Fund. The application for registration  
5 must be accompanied by an affirmation of the owner that the  
6 vehicle will be maintained for occasional transportation,  
7 exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, and similar  
8 uses and will not be used for general daily transportation.  
9 The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, prescribe that  
10 street rod plates be issued for a definite or an indefinite  
11 term, the term to correspond to the term of registration  
12 plates issued generally, as provided in Section 3-414.1. Any  
13 person requesting street rod plates under this Section may  
14 also apply to have vanity or personalized plates as provided  
15 under Section 3-405.1.

16 (b) Upon initial registration of a street rod, the owner  
17 of the street rod must provide proof acceptable to the  
18 Secretary that, no more than 3 months before the date of the  
19 application for registration, the street rod passed a safety  
20 inspection that (i) has been approved by the Secretary and  
21 (ii) is equivalent to the National Street Rod Association's  
22 prescribed vehicle safety inspection.

23 Except where otherwise provided, street rods are  
24 considered to be in compliance with all vehicle equipment  
25 requirements if they have passed the approved vehicle safety  
26 inspection.

27 (625 ILCS 5/4-209) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 4-209)

28 Sec. 4-209. Disposal of unclaimed vehicles more than 7  
29 years of age; disposal of abandoned or unclaimed vehicles  
30 without notice.

31 (a) When the identity of the registered owner,  
32 lienholder, or other legally entitled persons of an  
33 abandoned, lost, or unclaimed vehicle of 7 years of age or

1 newer cannot be determined by any means provided for in this  
2 Chapter, the vehicle may be sold as provided in Section 4-208  
3 without notice to any person whose identity cannot be  
4 determined.

5 (b) When an abandoned vehicle of more than 7 years of  
6 age is impounded as specified by this Chapter, or when any  
7 such vehicle is towed at the request or with the consent of  
8 the owner or operator and is subsequently abandoned, it will  
9 be kept in custody or storage for a minimum of 10 days for  
10 the purpose of determining the identity of the registered  
11 owner, lienholder, or other legally entitled persons and  
12 contacting the registered owner, lienholder, or other legally  
13 entitled persons by the U. S. Mail, public service or in  
14 person for a determination of disposition; and, an  
15 examination of the State Police stolen vehicle files for  
16 theft and wanted information. At the expiration of the 10 day  
17 period, without the benefit of disposition information being  
18 received from the registered owner, lienholder, or other  
19 legally entitled persons, the vehicle may be disposed of in  
20 either of the following ways:

21 (1) The law enforcement agency having jurisdiction  
22 will authorize the disposal of the vehicle as junk or  
23 salvage.

24 (2) The towing service may sell the vehicle in the  
25 manner provided in Section 4-208 of this Code, provided  
26 that this paragraph (2) shall not apply to vehicles towed  
27 by order or authorization of a law enforcement agency.

28 (c) A vehicle classified as an antique vehicle, custom  
29 vehicle, or street rod may however be sold to a person  
30 desiring to restore it.

31 (Source: P.A. 89-433, eff. 12-15-95.)

32 (625 ILCS 5/12-201) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-201)  
33 Sec. 12-201. When lighted lamps are required.

1           (a) When operated upon any highway in this State, every  
2 motorcycle shall at all times exhibit at least one lighted  
3 lamp, showing a white light visible for at least 500 feet in  
4 the direction the motorcycle is proceeding. However, in lieu  
5 of such lighted lamp, a motorcycle may be equipped with and  
6 use a means of modulating the upper beam of the head lamp  
7 between high and a lower brightness. No such head lamp shall  
8 be modulated, except to otherwise comply with this Code,  
9 during times when lighted lamps are required for other motor  
10 vehicles.

11           (b) All other motor vehicles shall exhibit at least 2  
12 lighted head lamps, with at least one on each side of the  
13 front of the vehicle, which satisfy United States Department  
14 of Transportation requirements, showing white lights,  
15 including that emitted by high intensity discharge (HID)  
16 lamps, or lights of a yellow or amber tint, during the period  
17 from sunset to sunrise, at times when rain, snow, fog, or  
18 other atmospheric conditions require the use of windshield  
19 wipers, and at any other times when, due to insufficient  
20 light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and  
21 vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a  
22 distance of 1000 feet. Parking lamps may be used in addition  
23 to but not in lieu of such head lamps. Every motor vehicle,  
24 trailer, or semi-trailer shall also exhibit at least 2  
25 lighted lamps, commonly known as tail lamps, which shall be  
26 mounted on the left rear and right rear of the vehicle so as  
27 to throw a red light visible for at least 500 feet in the  
28 reverse direction, except that a truck tractor or road  
29 tractor manufactured before January 1, 1968 and all  
30 motorcycles need be equipped with only one such tail lamp.

31           (c) Either a tail lamp or a separate lamp shall be so  
32 constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light a  
33 rear registration plate when required and render it clearly  
34 legible from a distance of 50 feet to the rear. Any tail lamp

1 or tail lamps, together with any separate lamp or lamps for  
2 illuminating a rear registration plate, shall be so wired as  
3 to be lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving  
4 lamps are lighted.

5 (d) A person shall install only head lamps that satisfy  
6 United States Department of Transportation regulations and  
7 show white light, including that emitted by HID lamps, or  
8 light of a yellow or amber tint for use by a motor vehicle.

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

13 (Source: P.A. 91-130, eff. 1-1-00; 91-135, eff. 1-1-00;  
14 92-16, eff. 6-28-01.)

15 (625 ILCS 5/12-205) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-205)

16 Sec. 12-205. Lamps on other vehicles and equipment. Every  
17 vehicle, including animal drawn vehicles, referred to in  
18 paragraph (b) of Section 12-101, not specifically required by  
19 the provisions of this Article to be equipped with lamps or  
20 other lighting devices, shall at all times specified in  
21 Section 12-201 of this Act be equipped with at least 2 lamps  
22 on the power or towing unit, displaying a white light visible  
23 from a distance of not less than 1,000 feet to the front of  
24 such vehicle and shall also be equipped with 2 lamps each  
25 displaying a red light visible from a distance of not less  
26 than 1,000 feet to the rear of such vehicle.

27 Where the towed unit or any load thereon partially or  
28 totally obscures the 2 lamps displaying red light to the rear  
29 of the towing unit, the rearmost towed unit shall be equipped  
30 with 2 lamps displaying red light visible from a distance of  
31 not less than 1,000 feet to the rear of such towed unit which  
32 are positioned in such a manner as to not obstruct the  
33 visibility of the red light to any vehicle operator



1 approaching from the rear of such vehicle or combination of  
2 vehicles.

3 Where the 2 lamps displaying red light are not obscured  
4 by the towed unit or its load, then either towing unit or  
5 towed unit, or both, may be equipped with the 2 lamps  
6 displaying red light as required.

7 The preceding paragraph does not apply to antique  
8 vehicles, custom vehicles, or street rods. An antique vehicle  
9 shall be equipped with lamps of the same type originally  
10 installed by the manufacturer as original equipment and in  
11 working order.

12 (Source: P.A. 85-830.)

13 (625 ILCS 5/12-208) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-208)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (f) For purposes of this Section, a custom vehicle or  
26 street rod is considered to be in compliance with all signal  
27 lamp and signal device requirements if it has passed the  
28 approved safety inspection provided for in Section 3-804.1 or  
29 3-804.2.

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

31 (625 ILCS 5/12-301) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-301)  
32 Sec. 12-301. Brakes.

33 (a) Brake equipment required.

1           1. Every motor vehicle, other than a motor-driven  
2 cycle and an antique vehicle displaying an antique plate,  
3 when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with  
4 brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop  
5 and hold such vehicle, including 2 separate means of  
6 applying the brakes, each of which means shall be  
7 effective to apply the brakes to at least one wheel on a  
8 motorcycle and at least 2 wheels on all other first  
9 division and second division vehicles. If these 2  
10 separate means of applying the brakes are connected in  
11 any way, they shall be so constructed that failure of any  
12 one part of the operating mechanism shall not leave the  
13 motor vehicle without brakes.

14           2. Every motor-driven cycle when operated upon a  
15 highway shall be equipped with at least one brake which  
16 may be operated by hand or foot.

17           3. Every antique vehicle shall be equipped with the  
18 brakes of the same type originally installed by the  
19 manufacturer as original equipment and in working order.

20           4. Every trailer or semitrailer of a gross weight  
21 of over 3,000 pounds, when operated upon a highway must  
22 be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement  
23 of, to stop and to hold such vehicle, and designed so as  
24 to be operable by the driver of the towing vehicle from  
25 its cab. Such brakes must be so designed and connected  
26 that in case of an accidental breakaway of a towed  
27 vehicle over 5,000 pounds, the brakes are automatically  
28 applied.

29           5. Every motor vehicle, trailer, pole trailer or  
30 semitrailer, sold in this State or operated upon the  
31 highways shall be equipped with service brakes upon all  
32 wheels of every such vehicle, except any motor-driven  
33 cycle, and except that any trailer, pole trailer or  
34 semitrailer 3,000 pounds gross weight or less need not be

1 equipped with brakes, and except that any trailer or  
2 semitrailer with gross weight over 3,000 pounds but under  
3 5,001 pounds need be equipped with brakes on only one  
4 wheel on each side of the vehicle. Any motor vehicle and  
5 truck tractor having 3 or more axles and manufactured  
6 prior to July 25, 1980 need not have brakes on the front  
7 wheels, except when such vehicles are equipped with at  
8 least 2 steerable axles, the wheels of one such axle need  
9 not be equipped with brakes. However, a vehicle that is  
10 more than 30 years of age and which is driven on the  
11 highways only in going to and returning from an antique  
12 auto show or for servicing or for a demonstration need be  
13 equipped with 2 wheel brakes only.

14 (b) Performance ability of brakes.

15 1. The service brakes upon any motor vehicle or  
16 combination of vehicles operating on a level surface  
17 shall be adequate to stop such vehicle or vehicles when  
18 traveling 20 miles per hour within a distance of 30 feet  
19 when upon dry asphalt or concrete pavement surface free  
20 from loose material.

21 2. Under the above conditions the hand brake shall  
22 be adequate to stop such vehicle or vehicles, except any  
23 motorcycle, within a distance of 55 feet and the hand  
24 brake shall be adequate to hold such vehicle or vehicles  
25 stationary on any grade upon which operated.

26 3. Under the above conditions the service brakes  
27 upon an antique vehicle shall be adequate to stop the  
28 vehicle within a distance of 40 feet and the hand brake  
29 adequate to stop the vehicle within a distance of 55  
30 feet.

31 4. All braking distances specified in this Section  
32 apply to all vehicles mentioned, whether such vehicles  
33 are unloaded or are loaded to the maximum capacity  
34 permitted under this Act.

1           5. All brakes shall be maintained in good working  
2 order and shall be so adjusted as to operate as equally  
3 as practicable with respect to the wheels on opposite  
4 sides of the vehicle.

5           6. Brake assembly requirements for mobile homes  
6 shall be the standards required by the United States  
7 Department of Housing and Urban Development adopted under  
8 Title VI of the Housing and Community Development Act of  
9 1974.

10        (c) For purposes of this Section, a custom vehicle or  
11 street rod is considered to be in compliance with all brake  
12 equipment requirements if it has passed the approved vehicle  
13 safety inspection provided for in Section 3-804.1 or 3-804.2.

14 (Source: P.A. 86-447; 86-1340.)

15 (625 ILCS 5/12-501) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-501)

16 Sec. 12-501. Windshields and safety glazing material in  
17 motor vehicles.

18 (a) Every motor vehicle operated upon the highways of  
19 this State shall be equipped with a front windshield which  
20 complies with those standards as established pursuant to this  
21 Section and Section 12-503 of this Code. This subsection  
22 shall not apply to motor vehicles designed and used  
23 exclusively for off-highway use, motorcycles, motor-driven  
24 cycles, motorized pedalcycles, nor to motor vehicles  
25 registered as antique vehicles, custom vehicles, or street  
26 rods when the original design of such vehicles did not  
27 include front windshields.

28 (b) No person shall knowingly sell any 1936 or later  
29 model motor vehicle unless such vehicle is equipped with  
30 safety glazing material conforming to specifications  
31 prescribed by the Department wherever glazing material is  
32 used in doors, windows and windshields. Regulations  
33 promulgated by the Department specifying standards for safety

1 glazing material on windshields shall, as a minimum, conform  
2 with those applicable Federal Motor Vehicles Safety Standards  
3 (49 CFR 571.205). These provisions apply to all motor  
4 vehicles of the first and second division but with respect to  
5 trucks, including truck tractors, the requirements as to  
6 safety glazing material apply to all glazing material used in  
7 doors, windows and windshields in the drivers' compartments  
8 of such vehicles.

9 (c) It is unlawful for the owner or any other person  
10 knowingly to install or cause to be installed in any motor  
11 vehicle any glazing material other than safety glazing  
12 material conforming to the specifications prescribed by the  
13 Department.

14 (Source: P.A. 85-1144.)

15 (625 ILCS 5/12-607) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-607)  
16 Sec. 12-607. Suspension System.

17 (a) It shall be unlawful to operate a motor vehicle on  
18 any highway of this State when the suspension system has been  
19 modified from the original manufactured design by lifting the  
20 body from the chassis in excess of 3 inches or to cause the  
21 horizontal line from the front to the rear bumper to vary  
22 over 3 inches in height when measured from a level surface of  
23 the highway to the lower edge of the bumper, except that it  
24 is unlawful to operate a street rod or custom vehicle when  
25 the suspension system has been modified from the original  
26 manufactured design so that the horizontal line from the  
27 front to the rear bumper varies over 7 inches in height when  
28 measured from a level surface of the highway to the lower  
29 edge of the bumper.

30 (b) Nothing in this Section shall prevent the  
31 installation of manufactured heavy duty equipment to include  
32 shock absorbers and overload springs, nor shall anything  
33 contained in this Section prevent a person to operate a motor

1 vehicle on any highway of this State with normal wear of the  
 2 suspension system if normal wear does not affect the control  
 3 or safe operation of the vehicle. This Section shall not  
 4 apply to motor vehicles designed or modified primarily for  
 5 off-highway racing purposes while such vehicles are in tow or  
 6 to motorcycles or motor driven cycles.

7 (Source: P.A. 78-436.)

8 (625 ILCS 5/12-608) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-608)  
 9 Sec. 12-608. Bumpers.

10 (a) It shall be unlawful to operate any motor vehicle  
 11 with a gross vehicle weight rating of 9,000 pounds or less or  
 12 any motor vehicle registered as a recreational vehicle under  
 13 this Code on any highway of this State unless such motor  
 14 vehicle is equipped with both a front and rear bumper.

15 Except as indicated below, maximum bumper heights of such  
 16 motor vehicles shall be determined by weight category of  
 17 gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) measured from a level  
 18 surface to the highest point of the bottom of the bumper when  
 19 the vehicle is unloaded and the tires are inflated to the  
 20 manufacturer's recommended pressure.

21 Maximum bumper heights are as follows:

	Maximum Front	Maximum Rear
	Bumper height	Bumper Height
24 All motor vehicles of the first		
25 division except multipurpose		
26 passenger vehicles:	22 inches	22 inches
27 Multipurpose passenger vehicles and		
28 all other motor vehicles:		
29 4,500 lbs. and under GVWR	24 inches	26 inches
30 4,501 lbs. through 7,500		
31 lbs. GVWR	27 inches	29 inches
32 7,501 lbs. through 9,000		
33 lbs. GVWR	28 inches	30 inches

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

11          However, nothing in this Section shall prevent the  
12          installation of bumper guards.

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

32          The dealer shall, prior to the receipt of any deposit  
33          made or any contract signed by the buyer to secure the  
34          purchase of a vehicle, inform such buyer, by written



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

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

12 (Source: P.A. 86-498.)

13 (625 ILCS 5/13A-104) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 13A-104)  
14 Sec. 13A-104. Inspections.

15 (a) Every motor vehicle which is owned by a resident of  
16 the original inspection area, other than a vehicle which is  
17 exempt under subsection (d) or (e), shall be subject to  
18 inspection under the program.

19 Beginning January 1, 1992, every motor vehicle which is  
20 owned by a resident of the new inspection area, other than a  
21 vehicle which is exempt under subsection (d) or (e), shall be  
22 subject to inspection under the program.

23 In accordance with the schedule in subsection (b), the  
24 Agency shall assign an inspection month for each vehicle  
25 subject to inspection under the program, and shall send  
26 notice thereof to the owner of the vehicle not less than 15  
27 days prior to the beginning of the assigned month. For a  
28 vehicle that was not previously subject to inspection, the  
29 Agency shall also send an initial emission inspection sticker  
30 to the owner of the vehicle. For a vehicle that was  
31 previously subject to inspection and for which an initial  
32 inspection sticker has already been issued, the month to be  
33 assigned by the Agency for that vehicle shall not be earlier

1 than the current assigned month, unless so requested by the  
2 owner; if the assigned month is later than the current  
3 assigned month, the Agency shall issue a corrected inspection  
4 sticker for that vehicle.

5 Initial emission inspection stickers shall expire on the  
6 last day of the third month following the month assigned by  
7 the Agency for the first inspection of the vehicle in  
8 accordance with the schedule in subsection (b). Renewal  
9 inspection stickers shall expire on the last day of the third  
10 month following the month assigned for inspection in the year  
11 in which the vehicle's next inspection is required in  
12 accordance with the schedule in subsection (b).

13 The Agency or its agent may issue a temporary emission  
14 inspection sticker for any vehicle subject to inspection  
15 which does not have a currently valid emission inspection  
16 sticker at the time the Agency is notified by the Secretary  
17 of State of its registration by a new owner, and for which an  
18 initial emission inspection sticker has already been issued.  
19 Such temporary emission inspection sticker shall expire on  
20 the last day of the fourth complete calendar month after the  
21 date the Agency is notified by the Secretary of State of the  
22 registration of the vehicle by the new owner, but not earlier  
23 than the end of the second complete calendar year after the  
24 vehicle's model year.

25 The owner of each vehicle subject to inspection shall  
26 obtain an emission inspection sticker for the vehicle in  
27 accordance with this subsection. Prior to the expiration of  
28 the emission inspection sticker, the owner shall have the  
29 vehicle inspected and obtain a renewal emission inspection  
30 sticker. A renewal emission inspection sticker shall not be  
31 issued more than 5 months prior to the expiration date of the  
32 previous inspection sticker.

33 (b) Except as provided in subsection (b-5), vehicles  
34 subject to inspection shall be assigned inspection months

1 according to the following schedule:

2 (1) Vehicles of a model year before 1985 shall be  
3 assigned an inspection month in 1991 and annually  
4 thereafter.

5 (2) Vehicles of model year 1985 shall be assigned  
6 an inspection month in 1992 and annually thereafter.

7 (3) Vehicles of model year 1986 shall be assigned  
8 an inspection month in 1991, 1993, and annually  
9 thereafter.

10 (4) Vehicles of model year 1987 shall be assigned  
11 an inspection month in 1992, 1994, and annually  
12 thereafter.

13 (5) Vehicles of model year 1988 shall be assigned  
14 an inspection month in 1991, 1993, 1995 and annually  
15 thereafter.

16 (6) Vehicles of model year 1989 shall be assigned  
17 an inspection month in 1992, 1994, 1996, and annually  
18 thereafter.

19 (7) Vehicles of model year 1990 shall be assigned  
20 an inspection month in 1993, 1995, 1997, and annually  
21 thereafter.

22 (b-5) Beginning July 1, 1994, or as soon as practicable  
23 thereafter, vehicles shall be assigned an inspection month  
24 and inspected every 2 years on a schedule that begins in the  
25 second calendar year after the vehicle model year. A vehicle  
26 may be assigned an inspection month and inspected on a  
27 schedule other than according to this subsection when a new  
28 owner acquires a vehicle that should have been, but was not,  
29 in compliance with this Act at the time the vehicle was  
30 acquired by the new owner.

31 (c) The owner of every vehicle subject to inspection  
32 shall have the vehicle inspected and obtain and display  
33 thereon a valid unexpired emission inspection sticker in the  
34 manner specified by the Agency.

1 Any person who violates this subsection (c) shall be  
2 guilty of a petty offense, except that a third or subsequent  
3 violation within one year shall be a Class C misdemeanor. The  
4 fine imposed for a violation of this subsection shall be not  
5 less than \$50 if the violation occurred within 60 days  
6 following the date by which a new or renewal emission  
7 inspection sticker was required to be obtained for the  
8 vehicle, and not less than \$300 if the violation occurred  
9 more than 60 days after such date.

10 (d) The following vehicles are not subject to  
11 inspection:

12 (1) vehicles not subject to registration under  
13 Article IV of Chapter 3 of The Illinois Vehicle Code,  
14 other than vehicles owned by the federal government;

15 (2) motorcycles, motor driven cycles and motorized  
16 pedalcycles;

17 (3) farm vehicles and implements of husbandry;

18 (4) implements of warfare owned by the State or  
19 federal government;

20 (5) antique vehicles, custom vehicles, street rods,  
21 and vehicles of model year 1967 or before;

22 (6) vehicles operated exclusively for parade or  
23 ceremonial purposes by any veterans, fraternal or civic  
24 organization, organized on a not-for-profit basis;

25 (7) vehicles for which a Junking Certificate has  
26 been issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section  
27 3-117 of The Illinois Vehicle Code;

28 (8) diesel powered vehicles, and vehicles which are  
29 powered exclusively by electricity;

30 (9) vehicles operated exclusively in organized  
31 amateur or professional sporting activities, as defined  
32 in the Environmental Protection Act;

33 (10) vehicles which were purchased new by the  
34 current owner less than 24 months prior to the assigned

1 test month.

2 The Agency may issue temporary or permanent exemption  
3 stickers, respectively, for vehicles temporarily or  
4 permanently exempt from inspection under this subsection (d);  
5 however, the owner of an exempt vehicle need not obtain or  
6 display an exemption sticker.

7 (e) Pursuant to such criteria as the Agency may adopt, a  
8 motor vehicle may be exempted from the inspection  
9 requirements of this Section by the Agency on the basis of an  
10 Agency determination that such vehicle is owned and operated  
11 by a corporation or other business entity, and that the situs  
12 of such vehicle is located, and it is primarily used, outside  
13 of the affected counties. The Agency may issue an annual  
14 exemption sticker without inspection for any vehicle exempted  
15 from inspection under this subsection (e).

16 (f) Any owner or lessee of a fleet of 15 or more motor  
17 vehicles which are subject to inspection under this Section  
18 may apply to the Agency for a permit to establish and operate  
19 a Private Official Inspection Station.

20 (Source: P.A. 88-533.)

21 (625 ILCS 5/13B-15)

22 Sec. 13B-15. Inspections.

23 (a) Beginning with the implementation of the program  
24 required by this Chapter, every motor vehicle that is owned  
25 by a resident of an affected county, other than a vehicle  
26 that is exempt under subsection (f) or (g), is subject to  
27 inspection under the program.

28 The Agency shall send notice of the assigned inspection  
29 month, at least 15 days before the beginning of the assigned  
30 month, to the owner of each vehicle subject to the program.  
31 For a vehicle that was subject to inspection before the  
32 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1994 and for which  
33 an initial inspection sticker or initial inspection

1 certificate has already been issued, the month to be assigned  
2 by the Agency for that vehicle shall not be earlier than the  
3 current assigned month, unless so requested by the owner. If  
4 the assigned month is later than the current assigned month,  
5 the Agency shall issue either a corrected inspection sticker  
6 or corrected certificate for that vehicle.

7 Initial emission inspection stickers or initial  
8 inspection certificates, as the case may be, expire on the  
9 last day of the third month following the month assigned by  
10 the Agency for the first inspection of the vehicle. Renewal  
11 inspection stickers or certificates expire on the last day of  
12 the third month following the month assigned for inspection  
13 in the year in which the vehicle's next inspection is  
14 required.

15 The Agency or its agent may issue an interim emission  
16 inspection sticker or certificate for any vehicle subject to  
17 inspection that does not have a currently valid emission  
18 inspection sticker or certificate at the time the Agency is  
19 notified by the Secretary of State of its registration by a  
20 new owner, and for which an initial emission inspection  
21 sticker or certificate has already been issued. Interim  
22 emission inspection stickers or certificates expire no later  
23 than the last day of the sixth complete calendar month after  
24 the date the Agency issued the interim emission inspection  
25 sticker or certificate.

26 The owner of each vehicle subject to inspection shall  
27 obtain an emission inspection sticker or certificate for the  
28 vehicle in accordance with this subsection. Before the  
29 expiration of the emission inspection sticker or certificate,  
30 the owner shall have the vehicle inspected and, upon  
31 demonstration of compliance, obtain a renewal emission  
32 inspection sticker or certificate. A renewal emission  
33 inspection sticker or certificate shall not be issued more  
34 than 5 months before the expiration date of the previous

1 inspection sticker or certificate.

2 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), vehicles shall  
3 be inspected every 2 years on a schedule that begins either  
4 in the second, fourth, or later calendar year after the  
5 vehicle model year. The beginning test schedule shall be set  
6 by the Agency and shall be consistent with the State's  
7 requirements for emission reductions as determined by the  
8 applicable United States Environmental Protection Agency  
9 vehicle emissions estimation model and applicable guidance  
10 and rules.

11 (c) A vehicle may be inspected out of its 2-year  
12 inspection schedule when a new owner acquires the vehicle and  
13 it should have been, but was not, in compliance with this Act  
14 when the vehicle was acquired by the new owner.

15 (d) The owner of a vehicle subject to inspection shall  
16 have the vehicle inspected and obtain and display on the  
17 vehicle or carry within the vehicle, in a manner specified by  
18 the Agency, a valid unexpired emission inspection sticker or  
19 certificate in the manner specified by the Agency.

20 Any person who violates this subsection (d) is guilty of  
21 a petty offense, except that a third or subsequent violation  
22 within one year of the first violation is a Class C  
23 misdemeanor. The fine imposed for a violation of this  
24 subsection shall be not less than \$50 if the violation  
25 occurred within 60 days following the date by which a new or  
26 renewal emission inspection sticker or certificate was  
27 required to be obtained for the vehicle, and not less than  
28 \$300 if the violation occurred more than 60 days after that  
29 date.

30 (e) (1) For a \$20 fee, to be paid into the Vehicle  
31 Inspection Fund, the Agency shall inspect:

32 (A) Vehicles operated on federal installations  
33 within an affected county, pursuant to Title 40, Section  
34 51.356 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

1 (B) Federally owned vehicles operated in affected  
2 counties.

3 (2) For a fee of \$20, to be paid into the Vehicle  
4 Inspection Fund, the Agency may inspect:

5 (A) Vehicles registered in and subject to emission  
6 inspections requirements of another state.

7 (B) Vehicles presented for inspection on a  
8 voluntary basis.

9 Any fees collected under this subsection shall not offset  
10 normally appropriated Motor Fuel Tax Funds.

11 (f) The following vehicles are not subject to  
12 inspection:

13 (1) Vehicles not subject to registration under  
14 Article IV of Chapter 3 of this Code, other than vehicles  
15 owned by the federal government.

16 (2) Motorcycles, motor driven cycles, and motorized  
17 pedalcycles.

18 (3) Farm vehicles and implements of husbandry.

19 (4) Implements of warfare owned by the State or  
20 federal government.

21 (5) Antique vehicles, custom vehicles, street rods,  
22 and vehicles of model year 1967 or before.

23 (6) Vehicles operated exclusively for parade or  
24 ceremonial purposes by any veterans, fraternal, or civic  
25 organization, organized on a not-for-profit basis.

26 (7) Vehicles for which a Junking Certificate has  
27 been issued by the Secretary of State under Section 3-117  
28 of this Code.

29 (8) Diesel powered vehicles, and vehicles that are  
30 powered exclusively by electricity.

31 (9) Vehicles operated exclusively in organized  
32 amateur or professional sporting activities, as defined  
33 in the Environmental Protection Act.

34 (10) Vehicles registered in, subject to, and in



1 compliance with the emission inspection requirements of  
2 another state.

3 The Agency may issue temporary or permanent exemption  
4 stickers or certificates for vehicles temporarily or  
5 permanently exempt from inspection under this subsection (f).  
6 An exemption sticker or certificate does not need to be  
7 displayed.

8 (g) According to criteria the Agency may adopt, a motor  
9 vehicle may be exempted from the inspection requirements of  
10 this Section by the Agency on the basis of an Agency  
11 determination that the vehicle is located and primarily used  
12 outside of the affected counties or in other jurisdictions  
13 where vehicle emission inspections are not required. The  
14 Agency may issue an annual exemption sticker or certificate  
15 without inspection for any vehicle exempted from inspection  
16 under this subsection.

17 (h) Any owner or lessee of a fleet of 15 or more motor  
18 vehicles which are subject to inspection under this Section  
19 may apply to the Agency for a permit to establish and operate  
20 a Private Official Inspection Station.

21 (i) Pursuant to Title 40, Section 51.371 of the Code of  
22 Federal Regulations, the Agency shall establish a program of  
23 on-road testing of in-use vehicles through the use of remote  
24 sensing devices. The Agency shall evaluate the emission  
25 performance of 0.5% of the subject fleet or 20,000 vehicles,  
26 whichever is less. Under no circumstances shall on-road  
27 testing include any sort of roadblock or roadside pullover or  
28 cause any type of traffic delay.

29 If, during the course of on-road inspections, a vehicle  
30 is found to exceed the on-road emissions standards  
31 established for the model year and type of vehicle, the  
32 Agency shall send a notice to the vehicle owner. The notice  
33 shall document the occurrence and results of on-road  
34 exceedances. The notice of a second on-road exceedance shall

1 indicate that the vehicle has been reassigned and is subject  
2 to an out-of-cycle follow-up inspection at an official  
3 inspection station. In no case shall the Agency send a notice  
4 of an on-road exceedance to the owner of a vehicle that was  
5 found to exceed the on-road emission standards established  
6 for the model year and type of vehicle if the vehicle is  
7 registered outside of the affected counties.

8 (Source: P.A. 90-475, eff. 8-17-97.)

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