

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  
5 changing Sections 1-102.1, 3-413, 12-205, 12-208, 12-501,  
6 12-608, and 13-101 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/1-102.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-102.1)  
8 Sec. 1-102.1. Antique vehicle.

9 A motor vehicle that is more than 25 years of age or a  
10 bonafide replica of a vehicle more than 25 years of age  
11 ~~thereof~~ and which is driven on the highways only going to and  
12 returning from an antique auto show or an exhibition, or for  
13 servicing or demonstration, or a fire-fighting vehicle more  
14 than 20 years old which is not used as fire-fighting  
15 equipment but is used only for the purpose of exhibition of  
16 demonstration.

17 (Source: P.A. 78-667.)

18 (625 ILCS 5/3-413) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413)  
19 Sec. 3-413. Display of registration plates, registration  
20 stickers and driveway decal permits.

21 (a) Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other  
22 than a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer, truck-tractor,  
23 apportioned bus, or apportioned truck shall be attached to  
24 the vehicle ~~thereeto~~, one in the front and one in the rear.  
25 The registration plate issued for a motorcycle, trailer or  
26 semitrailer required to be registered hereunder and any  
27 apportionment plate issued to a bus under the provisions of  
28 this Code shall be attached to the rear thereof. The  
29 registration plate issued for a truck-tractor or an  
30 apportioned truck required to be registered hereunder shall

1 be attached to the front thereof.

2 (b) Every registration plate shall at all times be  
3 securely fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for  
4 which it is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging  
5 and at a height of not less than 12 inches from the ground,  
6 measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place and  
7 position to be clearly visible and shall be maintained in a  
8 condition to be clearly legible, free from any materials that  
9 would obstruct the visibility of the plate, including, but  
10 not limited to, glass covers and tinted plastic covers.  
11 Clear plastic covers are permissible as long as they remain  
12 clear and do not obstruct the visibility of the plates.  
13 Registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed annual  
14 registration shall be attached to registration plates as  
15 required by the Secretary of State, and be clearly visible at  
16 all times.

17 (c) Every driveway decal permit issued pursuant to this  
18 Code shall be firmly attached to the inside windshield of the  
19 motor vehicle in such a manner that it cannot be removed  
20 without being destroyed. If such decal permits are affixed  
21 to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit shall be  
22 void and of no effect.

23 (d) The Illinois prorated decal issued to a foreign  
24 registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned  
25 with Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate and  
26 displayed on the front of such vehicle in the same manner as  
27 an Illinois registration plate.

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

31 (f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the  
32 operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois  
33 registration plate, plates or registration stickers after the  
34 termination of the registration period for which issued or

1 after the expiration date set pursuant to Sections 3-414 and  
2 3-414.1 of this Code.

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

4 (625 ILCS 5/12-205) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-205)

5 Sec. 12-205. Lamps on other vehicles and equipment. Every  
6 vehicle, including animal drawn vehicles, referred to in  
7 paragraph (b) of Section 12-101, not specifically required by  
8 the provisions of this Article to be equipped with lamps or  
9 other lighting devices, shall at all times specified in  
10 Section 12-201 of this Act be equipped with at least 2 lamps  
11 on the power or towing unit, displaying a white light visible  
12 from a distance of not less than 1,000 feet to the front of  
13 the such vehicle and shall also be equipped with 2 lamps each  
14 displaying a red light visible from a distance of not less  
15 than 1,000 feet to the rear of such vehicle.

16 Where the towed unit or any load thereon partially or  
17 totally obscures the 2 lamps displaying red light to the rear  
18 of the towing unit, the rearmost towed unit shall be equipped  
19 with 2 lamps displaying red light visible from a distance of  
20 not less than 1,000 feet to the rear of such towed unit which  
21 are positioned in such a manner as to not obstruct the  
22 visibility of the red light to any vehicle operator  
23 approaching from the rear of such vehicle or combination of  
24 vehicles.

25 Where the 2 lamps displaying red light are not obscured  
26 by the towed unit or its load, then either towing unit or  
27 towed unit, or both, may be equipped with the 2 lamps  
28 displaying red light as required.

29 The preceding paragraph does not apply to antique  
30 vehicles. An antique vehicle shall be equipped with lamps of  
31 the same type originally installed by the manufacturer as  
32 original equipment and in working order.

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

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

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

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

17 (b) Every motor vehicle other than an antique vehicle  
18 displaying an antique plate shall be equipped with an  
19 electric turn signal device which shall indicate the  
20 intention of the driver to turn to the right or to the left  
21 in the form of flashing lights located at and showing to the  
22 front and rear of the vehicle on the side of the vehicle  
23 toward which the turn is to be made. The lamps showing to the  
24 front shall be mounted on the same level and as widely spaced  
25 laterally as practicable and, when signaling, shall emit a  
26 white or amber light, or any shade of light between white and  
27 amber. The lamps showing to the rear shall be mounted on the  
28 same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and,  
29 when signaling, shall emit a red or amber light. An antique  
30 vehicle shall be equipped with a turn signal device of the  
31 same type originally installed by the manufacturer as  
32 original equipment and in working order.

33 (c) Every trailer and semitrailer shall be equipped with  
34 an electric turn signal device which indicates the intention

1 of the driver in the power unit to turn to the right or to  
2 the left in the form of flashing red or amber lights located  
3 at the rear of the vehicle on the side toward which the turn  
4 is to be made and mounted on the same level and as widely  
5 spaced laterally as practicable.

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

8 (e) Motorcycles and motor-driven cycles need not be  
9 equipped with electric turn signals. Antique vehicles need  
10 not be equipped with turn signals unless such were installed  
11 by the manufacturer as original equipment.

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

13 (625 ILCS 5/12-501) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-501)

14 Sec. 12-501. Windshields and safety glazing material in  
15 motor vehicles. (a) Every motor vehicle operated upon the  
16 highways of this State shall be equipped with a front  
17 windshield which complies with those standards as established  
18 pursuant to this Section and Section 12-503 of this Code.  
19 This subsection shall not apply to motor vehicles designed  
20 and used exclusively for off-highway use, motorcycles,  
21 motor-driven cycles, motorized pedalcycles, nor to motor  
22 vehicles registered as antique vehicles when the original  
23 design of those such vehicles did not include front  
24 windshields.

25 (b) No person shall knowingly sell any 1936 or later  
26 model motor vehicle unless such vehicle is equipped with  
27 safety glazing material conforming to specifications  
28 prescribed by the Department wherever glazing material is  
29 used in doors, windows and windshields. Regulations  
30 promulgated by the Department specifying standards for safety  
31 glazing material on windshields shall, as a minimum, conform  
32 with those applicable Federal Motor Vehicles Safety Standards  
33 (49 CFR 571.205). These provisions apply to all motor

1 vehicles of the first and second division but with respect to  
 2 trucks, including truck tractors, the requirements as to  
 3 safety glazing material apply to all glazing material used in  
 4 doors, windows and windshields in the drivers' compartments  
 5 of such vehicles.

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

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

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

13 Sec. 12-608. Bumpers. (a) It is ~~shall be~~ unlawful to  
 14 operate any motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating  
 15 of 9,000 pounds or less or any motor vehicle registered as a  
 16 recreational vehicle under this Code on any highway of this  
 17 State unless such motor vehicle is equipped with both a front  
 18 and rear bumper.

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

25 Maximum bumper heights are as follows:

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

1	4,501 lbs. through 7,500		
2	lbs. GVWR	27 inches	29 inches
3	7,501 lbs. through 9,000		
4	lbs. GVWR	28 inches	30 inches

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

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

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

1 demonstration.

2 The dealer shall, prior to the receipt of any deposit  
3 made or any contract signed by the buyer to secure the  
4 purchase of a vehicle, inform such buyer, by written  
5 statement signed by the purchaser to indicate acknowledgement  
6 of the contents thereof, of the legal requirements of this  
7 Section regarding front and rear bumpers if such vehicle is  
8 not to be equipped with bumpers at the time of delivery.

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

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

17 (625 ILCS 5/13-101) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 13-101)

18 Sec. 13-101. Submission to safety test; Certificate of  
19 safety. To promote the safety of the general public, every  
20 owner of a second division vehicle, medical transport  
21 vehicle, tow truck, or contract carrier transporting  
22 employees in the course of their employment on a highway of  
23 this State in a vehicle designed to carry 15 or fewer  
24 passengers shall, before operating the vehicle upon the  
25 highways of Illinois, submit it to a "safety test" and secure  
26 a certificate of safety furnished by the Department as  
27 provided ~~set-forth~~ in Section 13-109. Each second division  
28 motor vehicle that pulls or draws a trailer, semitrailer or  
29 pole trailer, with a gross weight of more than 8,000 lbs or  
30 is registered for a gross weight of more than 8,000 lbs,  
31 motor bus, religious organization bus, school bus, senior  
32 citizen transportation vehicle, and limousine shall be  
33 subject to inspection by the Department and the Department is



1 authorized to establish rules and regulations for the  
2 implementation of such inspections.

3 The owners of each salvage vehicle shall submit it to a  
4 "safety test" and secure a certificate of safety furnished by  
5 the Department prior to its salvage vehicle inspection  
6 pursuant to Section 3-308 of this Code.

7 However, none of the provisions of Chapter 13 requiring  
8 safety tests or a certificate of safety shall apply to:

9 (a) farm tractors, machinery and implements,  
10 wagons, wagon-trailers or like farm vehicles used  
11 primarily in agricultural pursuits;

12 (b) vehicles other than school buses, tow trucks  
13 and medical transport vehicles owned or operated by a  
14 municipal corporation or political subdivision having a  
15 population of 1,000,000 or more inhabitants and which are  
16 subject to safety tests imposed by local ordinance or  
17 resolution;

18 (c) a semitrailer or trailer having a gross weight  
19 of 5,000 pounds or less including vehicle weight and  
20 maximum load;

21 (d) recreational vehicles;

22 (e) vehicles registered as and displaying Illinois  
23 antique vehicle plates;

24 (f) house trailers equipped and used for living  
25 quarters;

26 (g) vehicles registered as and displaying Illinois  
27 permanently mounted equipment plates or similar vehicles  
28 eligible therefor but registered as governmental vehicles  
29 provided that if said vehicle is reclassified from a  
30 permanently mounted equipment plate so as to lose the  
31 exemption of not requiring a certificate of safety, such  
32 vehicle must be safety tested within 30 days of the  
33 reclassification;

34 (h) vehicles owned or operated by a manufacturer,

1 dealer or transporter displaying a special plate or  
2 plates as described in Chapter 3 of this Code while such  
3 vehicle is being delivered from the manufacturing or  
4 assembly plant directly to the purchasing dealership or  
5 distributor, or being temporarily road driven for quality  
6 control testing, or from one dealer or distributor to  
7 another, or are being moved by the most direct route from  
8 one location to another for the purpose of installing  
9 special bodies or equipment, or driven for purposes of  
10 demonstration by a prospective buyer with the dealer or  
11 his agent present in the cab of the vehicle during the  
12 demonstration;

13 (i) pole trailers and auxiliary axles;

14 (j) special mobile equipment;

15 (k) vehicles properly registered in another State  
16 pursuant to law and displaying a valid registration  
17 plate;

18 (l) water-well boring apparatuses or rigs;

19 (m) any vehicle which is owned and operated by the  
20 federal government and externally displays evidence of  
21 such ownership; and

22 (n) second division vehicles registered for a gross  
23 weight of 8,000 pounds or less, except when such second  
24 division motor vehicles pull or draw a trailer,  
25 semi-trailer or pole trailer having a gross weight of or  
26 registered for a gross weight of more than 8,000 pounds;  
27 motor buses; religious organization buses; school buses;  
28 senior citizen transportation vehicles; medical transport  
29 vehicles and tow trucks.

30 The safety test shall include the testing and inspection  
31 of brakes, lights, horns, reflectors, rear vision mirrors,  
32 mufflers, safety chains, windshields and windshield wipers,  
33 warning flags and flares, frame, axle, cab and body, or cab  
34 or body, wheels, steering apparatus, and other safety devices

1 and appliances required by this Code and such other safety  
2 tests as the Department may by rule or regulation require,  
3 for second division vehicles, school buses, medical transport  
4 vehicles, tow trucks, vehicles designed to carry 15 or fewer  
5 passengers operated by a contract carrier transporting  
6 employees in the course of their employment on a highway of  
7 this State, trailers, and semitrailers subject to inspection.

8 For tow trucks, the safety test and inspection shall also  
9 include the inspection of winch mountings, body panels, body  
10 mounts, wheel lift swivel points, and sling straps, and other  
11 tests and inspections the Department by rule requires for tow  
12 trucks.

13 For trucks, truck tractors, trailers, semi-trailers, and  
14 buses, the safety test shall be conducted in accordance with  
15 the Minimum Periodic Inspection Standards promulgated by the  
16 Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of  
17 Transportation and contained in Appendix G to Subchapter B of  
18 Chapter III of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.  
19 Those standards, as now in effect, are made a part of this  
20 Code, in the same manner as though they were set out in full  
21 in this Code.

22 The passing of the safety test shall not be a bar at any  
23 time to prosecution for operating a second division vehicle,  
24 medical transport vehicle, or vehicle designed to carry 15 or  
25 fewer passengers operated by a contract carrier as provided  
26 in this Section which is unsafe as determined by the  
27 standards prescribed in this Code.

28 (Source: P.A. 92-108, eff. 1-1-02.)