

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Based upon the sample Illinois vehicle code provisions submitted with the request, I drafted the attached bill to allow organ transport vehicles to be equipped with red and blue flashing lights and a siren, and to be exempt from certain traffic restrictions in the same manner as other authorized emergency vehicles. The bill would therefore allow organ transport vehicles, in certain circumstances and when warning devices are activated, to exceed the speed limit and to disregard restrictions relating to traffic signals, parking, and direction of vehicle travel. See s. 346.03 (2), stats. Although exempt from these traffic restrictions, an organ transport vehicle must still be driven with due regard under the circumstances for the safety of all persons. See s. 346.03 (5), stats. Are these provisions consistent with your intent?

Also, in the attached bill, a vehicle is allowed the privileges of an authorized emergency vehicle if the vehicle is being used by an organ procurement organization or under an agreement with an organ procurement organization and the vehicle is transporting organs for human transplantation or transporting medical personnel for the purpose of performing human organ harvesting or transplantation immediately after the transportation. The attached bill does not incorporate language from the sample Illinois vehicle code requiring the organ procurement organization or medical personnel to formally declare that the transportation is an emergency. Is this consistent with your intent?

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