

HBOL2423

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Introduced by Patrick Olson

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Synopsis as Introduced

Creates the Blind Pedestrian Safety Act. All hybrid and electric motor vehicles in the State of Illinois will be required to emit a noise when operating. Effective once appropriate technology is available.

A BILL FOR

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the**
2 **General Assembly:**

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4 Creates the Blind Pedestrian Safety Act.

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6 An ACT creating a requirement that all hybrid and electric motor vehicles,
7 owned by residents of Illinois, emit a sound when operating.

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9 The noise emitted must not cause a distraction to the driver of or drivers near
10 said vehicles.

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12 The noise emitted must sound such that said vehicle shall sound like the internal
13 combustion engine of an equal vehicle to said vehicle and is not heard any louder
14 or farther away than its equal is heard.

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16 To ensure that drivers in the State of Illinois meet this requirement, the operators
17 of any of these particular vehicles owned by residents of the State of Illinois, which
18 are moving without this noise producing device operating, shall be charged with a
19 Petty Offense equal to a moving violation.

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21 Every said vehicle shipped into the State, from this point forth, shall be equipped
22 with the appropriate technology. Every dealer and repair shop shall be equipped with
23 the technology to install this device into said vehicles.

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25 This device will be located in the front of the vehicle such that a blind person may
25 accurately judge how far away the vehicle is.

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28 Appropriates \$4,583,000 to cover the cost of equipment and installation in hybrid and
29 electric vehicles.

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31 Imposes a 3-cent excise tax upon every plastic bottle of water sold in the State of
32 Illinois.

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34 Effective once appropriate technology is available.