## **100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

## State of Illinois

# 2017 and 2018

#### HB2447

by Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-503

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-503

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a person commits reckless driving when he or she knowingly drives a vehicle and is involved in an accident when the person has been diagnosed with a medical condition that is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to safely operate a vehicle and the person has failed to comply with a health care professional recommendation or prescribed treatment, or failed to take medication for the condition, and the failure to comply or take medication is the proximate cause of the accident. Effective January 1, 2018.

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AN ACT concerning transportation.

# 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
Section 11-503 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/11-503) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-503) 6 11-503. Reckless driving; aggravated reckless 7 Sec. 8 driving. 9 (a) A person commits reckless driving if he or she: (1) drives any vehicle with a willful or wanton 10 11 disregard for the safety of persons or property; or (2) knowingly drives a vehicle and uses an incline in a 12 13 roadway, such as a railroad crossing, bridge approach, or 14 hill, to cause the vehicle to become airborne; or-(3) knowingly drives a vehicle and is involved in an 15 16 accident when: 17 (A) he or she has been diagnosed with a medical condition that is likely to cause loss of consciousness 18 19 or any loss of ability to safely operate a vehicle; 20 (B) he or she failed to comply with a health care 21 professional recommendation or prescribed treatment, 22 or failed to take medication for the condition; and

23 (C) the failure to comply with a health care

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- professional recommendation or prescribed treatment,
   or the failure to take medication, is the proximate
   cause of the accident.

4 (b) Every person convicted of reckless driving shall be
5 guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, except as provided under
6 subsections (b-1), (c), and (d) of this Section.

7 (b-1) Except as provided in subsection (d), any person 8 convicted of violating subsection (a), if the violation causes 9 bodily harm to a child or a school crossing guard while the 10 school crossing guard is performing his or her official duties, 11 is guilty of a Class 4 felony.

(c) Every person convicted of committing a violation of subsection (a) shall be guilty of aggravated reckless driving if the violation results in great bodily harm or permanent disability or disfigurement to another. Except as provided in subsection (d) of this Section, aggravated reckless driving is a Class 4 felony.

(d) Any person convicted of violating subsection (a), if the violation causes great bodily harm or permanent disability or disfigurement to a child or a school crossing guard while the school crossing guard is performing his or her official duties, is guilty of aggravated reckless driving. Aggravated reckless driving under this subsection (d) is a Class 3 felony. (Source: P.A. 95-467, eff. 6-1-08.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January26 1, 2018.