

HB4374



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 1/14/2026, by Rep. Barbara Hernandez

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/6-507

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-507

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Allows a person to drive a commercial motor vehicle without obtaining a commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit if the commercial motor vehicle weighs less than 26,001 pounds gross vehicle weight rating and is equipped with hydraulic brakes, air brakes, or any other system that complies with the federal motor carrier vehicle safety standards.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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 Section 6-507 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/6-507) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-507)

7 Sec. 6-507. Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or
8 Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) required.

9 (a) Except as expressly permitted by this UCCLA, ~~or~~ when
10 driving pursuant to the issuance of a commercial learner's
11 permit and accompanied by the holder of a CDL valid for the
12 vehicle being driven, or under subsection (a-1); no person
13 shall drive a commercial motor vehicle on the highways
14 without:

15 (1) a CDL in the driver's possession;

16 (2) having obtained a CLP or CDL;

17 (3) the proper class of CLP or CDL or endorsements or
18 both for the specific vehicle group being operated or for
19 the passengers or type of cargo being transported; or

20 (4) a copy of a medical variance document, if one
21 exists, such as an exemption letter or a skill performance
22 evaluation certificate.

23 (a-1) A person may drive a commercial motor vehicle

1 without obtaining a license or permit under this Section if
2 the commercial motor vehicle weighs less than 26,001 pounds
3 gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) and is equipped with
4 hydraulic brakes, air brakes, or any other system that
5 complies with the federal motor carrier vehicle safety
6 standards. This subsection does not apply to a person who
7 drives a commercial motor vehicle that is capable of
8 transporting 16 or more passengers or that is transporting
9 hazardous materials and are required to be placarded.

10 (a-5) A CLP or CDL holder whose CLP or CDL is held by this
11 State or any other state in the course of enforcement of a
12 motor vehicle traffic code and who has not been convicted of a
13 disqualifying offense under 49 C.F.R. 383.51 based on this
14 enforcement, may drive a CMV while holding a dated receipt for
15 the CLP or CDL.

16 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this Code, no person
17 may drive a commercial motor vehicle on the highways while
18 such person's driving privilege, license, or permit is:

19 (1) Suspended, revoked, cancelled, or subject to
20 disqualification. Any person convicted of violating this
21 provision or a similar provision of this or any other
22 state shall have their driving privileges revoked under
23 paragraph 12 of subsection (a) of Section 6-205 of this
24 Code.

25 (2) Subject to or in violation of an "out-of-service"
26 order. Any person who has been issued a CLP or CDL and is

1 convicted of violating this provision or a similar
2 provision of any other state shall be disqualified from
3 operating a commercial motor vehicle under subsection (i)
4 of Section 6-514 of this Code.

5 (3) Subject to or in violation of a driver or vehicle
6 "out of service" order while operating a vehicle designed
7 to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver,
8 or transporting hazardous materials required to be
9 placarded. Any person who has been issued a CLP or CDL and
10 is convicted of violating this provision or a similar
11 provision of this or any other state shall be disqualified
12 from operating a commercial motor vehicle under subsection
13 (i) of Section 6-514 of this Code.

14 (b-3) Except as otherwise provided by this Code, no person
15 may drive a commercial motor vehicle on the highways during a
16 period which the commercial motor vehicle or the motor carrier
17 operation is subject to an "out-of-service" order. Any person
18 who is convicted of violating this provision or a similar
19 provision of any other state shall be disqualified from
20 operating a commercial motor vehicle under subsection (i) of
21 Section 6-514 of this Code.

22 (b-5) Except as otherwise provided by this Code, no person
23 may operate a vehicle designed to transport 16 or more
24 passengers including the driver or hazardous materials of a
25 type or quantity that requires the vehicle to be placarded
26 during a period in which the commercial motor vehicle or the

1 motor carrier operation is subject to an "out-of-service"
2 order. Any person who is convicted of violating this provision
3 or a similar provision of any other state shall be
4 disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle under
5 subsection (i) of Section 6-514 of this Code.

6 (c) Pursuant to the options provided to the States by FHWA
7 Docket No. MC-88-8, the driver of any motor vehicle controlled
8 or operated by or for a farmer is waived from the requirements
9 of this Section, when such motor vehicle is being used to
10 transport: agricultural products; implements of husbandry; or
11 farm supplies; to and from a farm, as long as such movement is
12 not over 150 air miles from the originating farm. This waiver
13 does not apply to the driver of any motor vehicle being used in
14 a common or contract carrier type operation. However, for
15 those drivers of any truck-tractor semitrailer combination or
16 combinations registered under subsection (c) of Section 3-815
17 of this Code, this waiver shall apply only when the driver is a
18 farmer or a member of the farmer's family and the driver is 21
19 years of age or more and has successfully completed any tests
20 the Secretary of State deems necessary.

21 In addition, the farmer or a member of the farmer's family
22 who operates a truck-tractor semitrailer combination or
23 combinations pursuant to this waiver shall be granted all of
24 the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties and
25 restrictions with respect to Sections 6-514 and 6-515 of this
26 Code applicable to the driver who possesses a commercial

1 driver's license issued under this Code, except that the
2 driver shall not be subject to any additional duties or
3 restrictions contained in Part 382 of the Federal Motor
4 Carrier Safety Regulations that are not otherwise imposed
5 under Section 6-514 or 6-515 of this Code.

6 For purposes of this subsection (c), a member of the
7 farmer's family is a natural or in-law spouse, child, parent,
8 or sibling.

9 As required under the Code of Federal Regulations 49 CFR
10 390.39, an operator of a covered farm vehicle, as defined
11 under Section 18b-101 of this Code, is exempt from the
12 requirements of this Section. However, for drivers of any
13 truck-tractor semitrailer combination or combinations
14 operating as a covered farm vehicle, the driver must
15 successfully complete any tests the Secretary of State deems
16 necessary. When operating any truck-tractor semitrailer
17 combination as a covered farm vehicle, the exemption applies
18 only to persons age 21 or older, if operating the vehicle in
19 interstate driving, and to persons at least 18 years of age, if
20 operating the vehicle in intrastate driving. The Secretary may
21 adopt rules necessary to implement this Section.

22 (c-5) An employee of a township or road district with a
23 population of less than 3,000 operating a vehicle within the
24 boundaries of the township or road district for the purpose of
25 removing snow or ice from a roadway by plowing, sanding, or
26 salting is waived from the requirements of this Section when

1 the employee is needed to operate the vehicle because the
2 employee of the township or road district who ordinarily
3 operates the vehicle and who has a commercial driver's license
4 is unable to operate the vehicle or is in need of additional
5 assistance due to a snow emergency.

6 (c-10) A driver of a commercial motor vehicle used
7 primarily in the transportation of propane winter heating fuel
8 or a driver of a motor vehicle used to respond to a pipeline
9 emergency is waived from the requirements of this Section if
10 such requirements would prevent the driver from responding to
11 an emergency condition requiring immediate response as defined
12 in 49 C.F.R. Part 390.5.

13 (d) Any person convicted of violating this Section, shall
14 be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

15 (e) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (1) of
16 subsection (b) of this Section, shall have all driving
17 privileges revoked by the Secretary of State.

18 (f) This Section shall not apply to:

19 (1) A person who currently holds a valid Illinois
20 driver's license, for the type of vehicle being operated,
21 until the expiration of such license or April 1, 1992,
22 whichever is earlier; or

23 (2) A non-Illinois domiciliary who is properly
24 licensed in another State, until April 1, 1992. A
25 non-Illinois domiciliary, if such domiciliary is properly
26 licensed in another State or foreign jurisdiction, until

1 April 1, 1992.

2 (Source: P.A. 98-176 (see Section 10 of P.A. 98-722 and
3 Section 10 of P.A. 99-414 for the effective date of changes
4 made by P.A. 98-176); 99-57, eff. 7-16-15; 99-607, eff.
5 7-22-16.)