

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 6-109 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/6-109)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-169)

8 Sec. 6-109. Examination of applicants.

9 (a) The Secretary of State shall examine every applicant  
10 for a driver's license or permit who has not been previously  
11 licensed as a driver under the laws of this State or any other  
12 state or country, or any applicant for renewal of such  
13 driver's license or permit when such license or permit has  
14 been expired for more than one year. The Secretary of State  
15 shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (c), examine  
16 every licensed driver at least every 8 years, and may examine  
17 or re-examine any other applicant or licensed driver, provided  
18 that during the years 1984 through 1991 those drivers issued a  
19 license for 3 years may be re-examined not less than every 7  
20 years or more than every 10 years.

21 The Secretary of State shall require the testing of the  
22 eyesight of any driver's license or permit applicant who has  
23 not been previously licensed as a driver under the laws of this

1 State and shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide  
2 for the orderly administration of all the provisions of this  
3 Section.

4 The Secretary of State shall include at least one test  
5 question that concerns the provisions of the Pedestrians with  
6 Disabilities Safety Act in the question pool used for the  
7 written portion of the driver's license examination within one  
8 year after July 22, 2010 (the effective date of Public Act  
9 96-1167).

10 The Secretary of State shall include, in the question pool  
11 used for the written portion of the driver's license  
12 examination, test questions concerning safe driving in the  
13 presence of bicycles, of which one may be concerning the Dutch  
14 Reach method as described in Section 2-112.

15 The Secretary of State shall include, in the question pool  
16 used for the written portion of the driver's license  
17 examination, at least one test question concerning driver  
18 responsibilities when approaching a stationary emergency  
19 vehicle as described in Section 11-907. If an applicant gives  
20 an incorrect response to a test question concerning subsection  
21 (c) of Section 11-907, Section 11-907.5, or subsection (a-1)  
22 of Section 11-908, then the Secretary of State shall provide  
23 the applicant with information concerning those Sections.

24 (b) Except as provided for those applicants in paragraph  
25 (c), such examination shall include a test of the applicant's  
26 eyesight, his or her ability to read and understand official

1 traffic control devices, his or her knowledge of safe driving  
2 practices and the traffic laws of this State, and may include  
3 an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise  
4 ordinary and reasonable control of the operation of a motor  
5 vehicle, and such further physical and mental examination as  
6 the Secretary of State finds necessary to determine the  
7 applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely on the  
8 highways, except the examination of an applicant 75 years of  
9 age or older or, if the Secretary adopts rules under Section 37  
10 of the Secretary of State Act to raise the age requirement for  
11 actual demonstrations, the examination of an applicant who has  
12 attained that increased age or is older shall include an  
13 actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise  
14 ordinary and reasonable control of the operation of a motor  
15 vehicle. All portions of written and verbal examinations under  
16 this Section, excepting where the English language appears on  
17 facsimiles of road signs, may be given in the Spanish language  
18 and, at the discretion of the Secretary of State, in any other  
19 language as well as in English upon request of the examinee.  
20 Deaf persons who are otherwise qualified are not prohibited  
21 from being issued a license, other than a commercial driver's  
22 license, under this Code. The examination to test an  
23 applicant's ability to read and understand official traffic  
24 control devices and knowledge of safe driving practices and  
25 the traffic laws of this State may be administered at a  
26 Secretary of State facility, remotely via the Internet, or in

1 a manner otherwise specified by the Secretary of State by  
2 administrative rule.

3 (c) Re-examination for those applicants who at the time of  
4 renewing their driver's license possess a driving record  
5 devoid of any convictions of traffic violations or evidence of  
6 committing an offense for which mandatory revocation would be  
7 required upon conviction pursuant to Section 6-205 at the time  
8 of renewal shall be in a manner prescribed by the Secretary in  
9 order to determine an applicant's ability to safely operate a  
10 motor vehicle, except that every applicant for the renewal of  
11 a driver's license who is 75 years of age or older or, if the  
12 Secretary adopts rules under Section 37 of the Secretary of  
13 State Act to raise the age requirement for actual  
14 demonstrations, every applicant for the renewal of a driver's  
15 license who has attained that increased age or is older must  
16 prove, by an actual demonstration, the applicant's ability to  
17 exercise reasonable care in the safe operation of a motor  
18 vehicle.

19 (d) In the event the applicant is not ineligible under the  
20 provisions of Section 6-103 to receive a driver's license, the  
21 Secretary of State shall make provision for giving an  
22 examination, either in the county where the applicant resides  
23 or at a place adjacent thereto reasonably convenient to the  
24 applicant, within not more than 30 days from the date said  
25 application is received.

26 (e) The Secretary of State may adopt rules regarding the

1 use of foreign language interpreters during the application  
2 and examination process.

3 (Source: P.A. 103-140, eff. 6-30-23; 103-680, eff. 1-1-25;  
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4 of renewal shall be in a manner prescribed by the Secretary in  
5 order to determine an applicant's ability to safely operate a  
6 motor vehicle, except that every applicant for the renewal of  
7 a driver's license who is 79 years of age or older must renew  
8 in person, and every applicant for the renewal of a driver's  
9 license who is 87 years of age or older or who is 75 years of  
10 age or older and holds a commercial driver's license must  
11 prove, by an actual demonstration, the applicant's ability to  
12 exercise reasonable care in the safe operation of a motor  
13 vehicle.

14 (d) In the event the applicant is not ineligible under the  
15 provisions of Section 6-103 to receive a driver's license, the  
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21 (e) The Secretary of State may adopt rules regarding the  
22 use of foreign language interpreters during the application  
23 and examination process and administration of the  
24 demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary  
25 and reasonable control of the operation of a motor vehicle by  
26 driver training schools licensed by the Secretary.

1 (Source: P.A. 103-140, eff. 6-30-23; 103-680, eff. 1-1-25;  
2 104-169, eff. 7-1-26; 104-260, eff. 8-15-25; revised 9-12-25.)

3 Section 10. The Cycle Rider Safety Training Act is amended  
4 by changing Section 2.03a and 4 and by adding Section 2.03b as  
5 follows:

6 (625 ILCS 35/2.03a)

7 Sec. 2.03a. Cycle rider safety training course provider  
8 ~~Rider Safety Training Course Provider~~. "Cycle rider safety  
9 training course provider" ~~Rider Safety Training Course~~  
10 ~~Provider~~" and "provider" means a community college, State  
11 university, State or local government agency, or for-profit or  
12 nonprofit business entity in good standing and operating in  
13 the State that is capable of providing courses meeting the  
14 definition in this Act in accordance with the rules set forth  
15 by the Department and the regulations of this Act. "Cycle  
16 rider safety training course provider" ~~Rider Safety Training~~  
17 ~~Course Provider~~" and "provider" does not include any business  
18 registered as a motorcycle dealer with the Secretary of State  
19 or any other business that derives income from the selling of  
20 motorcycles or has motorcycles for sale at its place of  
21 business on a consignment basis.

22 (Source: P.A. 104-408, eff. 1-1-26.)

23 (625 ILCS 35/2.03b new)

1       Sec. 2.03b. Dealer provider. "Dealer provider" means any  
2 business registered as a motorcycle dealer holding a vehicle  
3 dealer license with the Secretary of State and who has applied  
4 and obtained a permit from the Department to operate as a  
5 dealer provider.

6           (625 ILCS 35/4) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 804)

7       Sec. 4. Cycle rider safety training courses ~~Rider Safety~~  
8 ~~Training Courses.~~

9           (a) The Department shall, on an as needed basis, put out  
10 notices to the public seeking cycle rider safety training  
11 course providers ~~Cycle Rider Safety Training Course Providers~~  
12 to provide cycle rider safety training courses in this State.  
13 Such courses shall be open to all residents of the State who  
14 hold a currently valid driver's license and who have reached  
15 their 16th birthday before the first day of the course to be  
16 held. Such courses may be offered throughout the calendar  
17 year.

18       Cycle rider safety training course providers ~~Providers~~ may  
19 charge a nominal registration fee set by the Department, which  
20 shall be refunded upon completion of the course.

21       Responses from potential cycle rider safety training  
22 course providers shall include, at a minimum, the location  
23 where classes are to be held ~~at~~, the number of students they  
24 intend to train, whether they would be providing motorcycles  
25 or using motorcycles provided by the program, and the cost for

1 courses provided on a per student basis.

2 Contracts shall be awarded by the Department to cycle  
3 rider safety training course providers based on training needs  
4 and cost effectiveness of each bid or proposal as well as the  
5 provider's organizational capacity to satisfactorily discharge  
6 cycle rider safety training courses ~~Cycle Rider Safety~~  
7 ~~Training Courses~~.

8 (b) A cycle rider safety training course provider shall  
9 only be paid grant funds under one of the following  
10 conditions:

11 (1) a course was held, in which case the cycle rider  
12 safety training course provider shall be paid per student  
13 rate multiplied by the number of students present on the  
14 first day of the course;

15 (2) expenses submitted related to the maintenance of  
16 program equipment; or

17 (3) submitting other non-personnel expenses as deemed  
18 appropriate by the Department.

19 (c) A cycle rider safety training course provider awarded  
20 a contract with grant funding under this Act shall:

21 (1) submit proof to the Department that each  
22 instructor employed by the cycle rider safety training  
23 course provider meets the qualifications to teach the  
24 curriculum for the courses;

25 (2) have at least one employee on staff certified to  
26 do quality assurance or quality control visits where

1 instructors are evaluated per curriculum standards on  
2 teaching;

3 (3) perform at least one quality assurance or quality  
4 control visit on each instructor employed during the year  
5 and submit the results of those visits to the Department;

6 (4) maintain appropriate liability insurance to cover  
7 training activities;

8 (5) submit requests for payment in a timely manner;  
9 and

10 (6) adhere to additional program rules and regulations  
11 as determined by the Department.

12 (d) A cycle rider safety training course provider awarded  
13 a contract with grant funding under this Act and a dealer  
14 provider operating under subsection (e) shall not adopt any  
15 policy, requirement, or expectation regarding an employee's  
16 manner of dress outside of the employee's scheduled work  
17 hours, nor ~~may the provider~~ pose any questions regarding such  
18 on job applications or during interviews with potential  
19 employees.

20 (e) A dealer provider may provide courses under this Act  
21 to the public for a fee which shall not be refunded. Such  
22 courses shall be open to all residents of the State who hold a  
23 currently valid driver's license and who have reached their  
24 16th birthday before the first day of the course to be held.  
25 Such courses may be offered throughout the calendar year.

26 A dealer provider is ineligible for funds from the Cycle

1 Rider Safety Training Fund as described in subsection (b). A  
2 dealer provider is not eligible for program funds or equipment  
3 supplied by the Department.

4 A dealer provider offering courses under this subsection:

5 (1) shall submit proof to the Department that each  
6 instructor employed by the dealer provider meets the  
7 qualifications to teach the curriculum for the courses;

8 (2) shall have at least one employee on staff  
9 certified to do quality assurance or quality control  
10 visits where instructors are evaluated per curriculum  
11 standards on teaching;

12 (3) shall perform at least one quality assurance or  
13 quality control visit on each instructor employed during  
14 the year and submit the results of those visits to the  
15 Department;

16 (4) shall maintain appropriate liability insurance to  
17 cover training activities;

18 (5) shall run its program according to a curriculum  
19 approved by the Department;

20 (6) shall adhere to additional program rules and  
21 regulations as determined by the Department.

22 (7) shall not engage in sales solicitation of its  
23 retail products to students during the registration  
24 process or on the same day that the student is attending a  
25 cycle rider safety training course; and

26 (8) shall place a cycle rider safety training provider

1       promotional sign in any dealership alongside material  
2       advertising its dealer provider classes.

3       If the Department finds that a dealer provider is not  
4       meeting the requirements of this Section in a satisfactory  
5       way, the Department is authorized to suspend or terminate the  
6       ability of the dealer provider to issue student completion  
7       cards.

8       (Source: P.A. 104-408, eff. 1-1-26.)

9           Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes  
10       changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text  
11       that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section  
12       represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does  
13       not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes  
14       made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other  
15       Public Act.

16           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
17       1, 2027.