

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 changing
5 Sections 2-112, 6-109, and 11-1421 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/2-112) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 2-112)

7 Sec. 2-112. Distribution of synopsis laws.

8 (a) The Secretary of State may publish a synopsis or
9 summary of the laws of this State regulating the operation of
10 vehicles and may deliver a copy thereof without charge with
11 each original vehicle registration and with each original
12 driver's license.

13 (b) The Secretary of State shall make any necessary
14 revisions in its publications including, but not limited to,
15 the Illinois Rules of the Road, to accurately conform its
16 publications to the provisions of the Pedestrians with
17 Disabilities Safety Act.

18 (c) The Secretary of State shall include, in the Illinois
19 Rules of the Road publication, information advising drivers to
20 use the Dutch Reach method when opening a vehicle door after
21 parallel parking on a street (checking the rear-view mirror,
22 checking the side-view mirror, then opening the door with the
23 right hand, thereby reducing the risk of injuring a bicyclist

1 or opening the door in the path a vehicle approaching from
2 behind).

3 (Source: P.A. 96-1167, eff. 7-22-10.)

4 (625 ILCS 5/6-109)

5 Sec. 6-109. Examination of Applicants.

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

18 The Secretary of State shall require the testing of the
19 eyesight of any driver's license or permit applicant who has
20 not been previously licensed as a driver under the laws of this
21 State and shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide for
22 the orderly administration of all the provisions of this
23 Section.

24 The Secretary of State shall include at least one test
25 question that concerns the provisions of the Pedestrians with

1 Disabilities Safety Act in the question pool used for the
2 written portion of the drivers license examination within one
3 year after July 22, 2010 (the effective date of Public Act
4 96-1167).

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

10 (b) Except as provided for those applicants in paragraph
11 (c), such examination shall include a test of the applicant's
12 eyesight, his ability to read and understand official traffic
13 control devices, his knowledge of safe driving practices and
14 the traffic laws of this State, and may include an actual
15 demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary
16 and reasonable control of the operation of a motor vehicle, and
17 such further physical and mental examination as the Secretary
18 of State finds necessary to determine the applicant's fitness
19 to operate a motor vehicle safely on the highways, except the
20 examination of an applicant 75 years of age or older shall
21 include an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to
22 exercise ordinary and reasonable control of the operation of a
23 motor vehicle. All portions of written and verbal examinations
24 under this Section, excepting where the English language
25 appears on facsimiles of road signs, may be given in the
26 Spanish language and, at the discretion of the Secretary of

1 State, in any other language as well as in English upon request
2 of the examinee. Deaf persons who are otherwise qualified are
3 not prohibited from being issued a license, other than a
4 commercial driver's license, under this Code.

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

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

23 (e) The Secretary of State may adopt rules regarding the
24 use of foreign language interpreters during the application and
25 examination process.

26 (Source: P.A. 96-1167, eff. 7-22-10; 96-1231, eff. 7-23-10;

1 97-333, eff. 8-12-11.)

2 (625 ILCS 5/11-1421) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1421)

3 Sec. 11-1421. Conditions for operating ambulances and
4 rescue vehicles.

5 (a) No person shall operate an ambulance or rescue vehicle
6 in a manner not conforming to the motor vehicle laws and
7 regulations of this State or of any political subdivision of
8 this State as such laws and regulations apply to motor vehicles
9 in general, unless in compliance with the following conditions:

10 1. The person operating the ambulance shall be either
11 responding to a bona fide emergency call or specifically
12 directed by a licensed physician to disregard traffic laws
13 in operating the ambulance during and for the purpose of
14 the specific trip or journey that is involved;

15 2. The ambulance or rescue vehicle shall be equipped
16 with a siren producing an audible signal of an intensity of
17 100 decibels at a distance of 50 feet from the siren, and
18 with a lamp or lamps emitting an oscillating, rotating or
19 flashing red beam directed in part toward the front of the
20 vehicle, and these lamps shall have sufficient intensity to
21 be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight, and in addition
22 to other lighting requirements, excluding those vehicles
23 operated in counties with a population in excess of
24 2,000,000, may also operate with a lamp or lamps emitting
25 an oscillating, rotating, or flashing green light;

1 3. The aforesaid siren and lamp or lamps shall be in
2 operation at all times when it is reasonably necessary to
3 warn pedestrians and other drivers of the approach thereof
4 during such trip or journey, except that in a municipality
5 with a population over 1,000,000, the siren and lamp or
6 lamps shall be in operation only when it is reasonably
7 necessary to warn pedestrians and other drivers of the
8 approach thereof while responding to an emergency call or
9 transporting a patient who presents a combination of
10 circumstances resulting in a need for immediate medical
11 intervention;

12 4. Whenever the ambulance or rescue vehicle is operated
13 at a speed in excess of 40 miles per hour, the ambulance or
14 rescue vehicle shall be operated in complete conformance
15 with every other motor vehicle law and regulation of this
16 State and of the political subdivision in which the
17 ambulance or rescue vehicle is operated, relating to the
18 operation of motor vehicles, as such provision applies to
19 motor vehicles in general, except laws and regulations
20 pertaining to compliance with official traffic-control
21 devices or to vehicular operation upon the right half of
22 the roadway; and

23 5. The ambulance shall display registration plates
24 identifying the vehicle as an ambulance.

25 (b) The foregoing provisions do not relieve the driver of
26 an ambulance or rescue vehicle from the duty of driving with

1 due regard for the safety of all persons, nor do such
2 provisions protect the driver from the consequences resulting
3 from the reckless disregard for the safety of others.

4 (Source: P.A. 88-517.)