

# SB2483



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/6-109

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Removes provisions requiring that applicants 75 years of age or older demonstrate the ability to exercise reasonable care and ordinary and reasonable control of the operation of a motor vehicle when applying for a driver's license. Effective January 1, 2020.

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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 changing  
5 Section 6-109 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/6-109)

7 Sec. 6-109. Examination of Applicants.

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

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

1 the orderly administration of all the provisions of this  
2 Section.

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

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

14 (b) Except as provided for those applicants in paragraph  
15 (c), such examination shall include a test of the applicant's  
16 eyesight, his or her ability to read and understand official  
17 traffic control devices, his or her knowledge of safe driving  
18 practices and the traffic laws of this State, and may include  
19 an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise  
20 ordinary and reasonable control of the operation of a motor  
21 vehicle, and such further physical and mental examination as  
22 the Secretary of State finds necessary to determine the  
23 applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely on the  
24 highways, ~~except the examination of an applicant 75 years of~~  
25 ~~age or older shall include an actual demonstration of the~~  
26 ~~applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable~~

1 ~~control of the operation of a motor vehicle.~~ All portions of  
2 written and verbal examinations under this Section, excepting  
3 where the English language appears on facsimiles of road signs,  
4 may be given in the Spanish language and, at the discretion of  
5 the Secretary of State, in any other language as well as in  
6 English upon request of the examinee. Deaf persons who are  
7 otherwise qualified are not prohibited from being issued a  
8 license, other than a commercial driver's license, under this  
9 Code.

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

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

1 application is received.

2 (e) The Secretary of State may adopt rules regarding the  
3 use of foreign language interpreters during the application and  
4 examination process.

5 (Source: P.A. 100-770, eff. 1-1-19; 100-962, eff. 1-1-19;  
6 revised 10-3-18.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
8 1, 2020.