1   AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

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 6-104 as follows:

6   (625 ILCS 5/6-104) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-104)
7   Sec.   6-104.   Classification   of   Driver   -   Special
8   Restrictions.
9   (a) A driver's license issued under the authority of
10   this Act shall indicate the classification for which the
11   applicant therefor has qualified by examination or by such
12   other means that the Secretary of State shall prescribe.
13   Driver's license classifications shall be prescribed by rule
14   or regulation promulgated by the Secretary of State and such
15   may specify classifications as to operation of motor vehicles
16   of the first division, or of those of the second division,
17   whether operated singly or in lawful combination, and whether
18   for-hire or not-for-hire, and may specify such other
19   classifications as the Secretary deems necessary.
20   No person shall operate a motor vehicle unless such
21   person has a valid license with a proper classification to
22   permit the operation of such vehicle, except that any person
23   may operate a motorized pedalcycle if such person has a valid
24   current   Illinois   driver's   license,   regardless   of
25   classification.
26   (b) No person who is under the age of 21 years or has
27   had less than 1 year of driving experience shall drive: (1)
28   in connection with the operation of any school, day camp,
29   summer camp, or nursery school, any public or private motor
30   vehicle for transporting children to or from any school, day
31   camp, summer camp, or nursery school, or (2) any motor

1 vehicle of the second division when in use for the

2 transportation of persons for compensation.

3   (c) No person who is under the age of 18 years shall be

4 issued a license for the purpose of transporting property for

5 hire, or for the purpose of transporting persons for

6 compensation in a motor vehicle of the first division.

7   (d) No person shall drive: (1) a school bus when

8 transporting school children unless such person possesses a

9 valid school bus driver permit or is accompanied and

10 supervised, for the specific purpose of training prior to

11 routine operation of a school bus, by a person who has held a

12 valid school bus driver permit for at least one year; or (2)

13 any other vehicle owned or operated by or for a public or

14 private school, or a school operated by a religious

15 institution, where such vehicle is being used over a

16 regularly scheduled route for the transportation of persons

17 enrolled as a student in grade 12 or below, in connection

18 with any activity of the entities unless such person

19 possesses a valid school bus driver permit.

20   (d-1) A person may not drive a bus that has been

21 chartered for the sole purpose of transporting students

22 regularly enrolled in grade 12 or below to or from

23 interscholastic athletic or interscholastic or school

24 sponsored activities unless the person or his or her employer

25 is on a list of carriers approved by the Secretary of State

26 for this purpose. The Secretary shall adopt rules for

27 implementing this subsection (d-1), and shall provide that

28 the list includes only drivers, and carriers that employ only

29 drivers, who have undergone training identical to that

30 undergone by school bus drivers, other than driving a school

31 bus.

32   This subsection (d-1) does not apply to any bus driver

33 employed by a public transportation provider authorized to

34 conduct local or interurban transportation of passengers when

1   <u>the bus is not traveling a specific school bus route but is</u>

2   <u>on a regularly scheduled route for the transporting of other</u>

3   <u>fare paying passengers.</u>

4   (d-5) <u>(Blank).</u> No--person-may-drive-a-bus-that-has-been

5   chartered-for--the--sole--purpose--of--transporting--students

6   regularly---enrolled---in---grade--12--or--below--to--or--from

7   interscholastic--athletic--or---interscholastic---or---school

8   sponsored-activities-unless-the-person-has-a-valid-school-bus

9   driver-permit-in-addition-to-any-other-permit-or-license-that

10   is--required-to-operate-that-bus.--This-subsection-(d-5)-does

11   not--apply--to--any--bus--driver---employed---by---a---public

12   transportation---provider--authorized--to--conduct--local--or

13   interurban-transportation-of-passengers-when-the-bus--is--not

14   traveling--a--specific-school-bus-route-but-is-on-a-regularly

15   scheduled-route-for-the-transporting--of--other--fare--paying

16   passengers.

17   (e) No person shall drive a religious organization bus

18   unless such person has a valid and properly classified

19   drivers license or a valid school bus driver permit.

20   (f) No person shall drive a motor vehicle for the

21   purpose of providing transportation for the elderly in

22   connection with the activities of any public or private

23   organization unless such person has a valid and properly

24   classified driver's license issued by the Secretary of State.

25   (g) No person shall drive a bus which meets the special

26   requirements for school buses provided in Section 12-801,

27   12-802, 12-803 and 12-805 of this Code for the purpose of

28   transporting persons 18 years of age or less in connection

29   with any youth camp licensed under the Youth Camp Act or any

30   child care facility licensed under the Child Care Act of 1969

31   unless such person possesses a valid school bus driver permit

32   or is accompanied and supervised, for the specific purpose of

33   training prior to routine operation of a school bus, by a

34   person who has held a valid school bus driver permit for at

1   least one year; however, a person who has a valid and

2   properly classified driver's license issued by the Secretary

3   of State may operate a school bus for the purpose of

4   transporting persons 18 years of age or less in connection

5   with any such youth camp or child care facility if the

6   "SCHOOL BUS" signs are covered or concealed and the stop

7   signal arm and flashing signal systems are not operable

8   through normal controls.

9   (Source: P.A. 92-849, eff. 1-1-03.)