



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HB4837

Introduced 2/8/2008, by Rep. Renée Kosel

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 55/5

Amends the Taxi Safety Act of 2007. Provides that a taxi driver must be 21 years of age or older, must have a valid Illinois driver's license, must have had a valid driver's license for at least 3 years, and must not have been convicted of certain offenses during the immediately preceding 3 year period. Also provides that if he or she, after becoming a taxi driver, is convicted of any of those offenses or ceases to be licensed, he or she must immediately cease operating a taxicab and the prohibition shall continue until specified conditions are met. Effective July 1, 2009.

LRB095 15225 WGH 45020 b

FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 Taxi Safety Act of 2007 is amended by
5 changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 55/5)

7 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a
8 delayed effective date)

9 Sec. 5. Requirements for the operation of taxicabs.

10 (a) The taxi driver's picture, the taxi driver's license or
11 registration number, and the taxicab medallion number or an
12 exterior identification number must be posted in a visible
13 location in each cab.

14 (b) There must be posted in a visible location in each
15 taxicab a telephone number for a passenger to call if the taxi
16 driver is operating the taxicab in a reckless manner.

17 (c) If a taxi driver collides with a pedestrian while
18 operating a taxicab, resulting in bodily injury, then any
19 responding law enforcement officers must test the taxi driver
20 for drug and alcohol use.

21 (d) in addition to meeting any requirements that are
22 imposed by a unit of local government, a taxi driver must meet
23 all of the following requirements:

1 (1) He or she must be 21 years of age or older.

2 (2) He or she must have a valid Illinois driver's
3 license.

4 (3) He or she must have had a valid driver's license
5 during the immediately preceding 3 year period. If he or
6 she, after becoming a taxi driver, ceases to have a valid
7 driver's license, he or she must immediately cease
8 operating a taxicab and the prohibition shall continue
9 until a period of 3 years has elapsed during which he or
10 she has had a valid driver's license.

11 (4) He or she must not have been convicted of any of
12 the following offenses during the immediately preceding 3
13 year period: Section 11-401 (leaving the scene of a traffic
14 accident involving death or personal injury), 11-501
15 (driving under the influence), 11-503 (reckless driving),
16 11-504 (drag racing), or 11-506 (street racing) of the
17 Illinois Vehicle Code, or Section 9-3 (manslaughter or
18 reckless homicide) or 12-5 (reckless conduct arising from
19 the use of a motor vehicle) of the Criminal Code of 1961.
20 If he or she, after becoming a taxi driver, is convicted of
21 any of the offenses specified in this subdivision (4), he
22 or she must immediately cease operating a taxicab and the
23 prohibition shall continue until a period of 3 years has
24 elapsed during which he or she has not been convicted of
25 any of the offenses specified in this subdivision (4).

26 (Source: P.A. 95-598, eff. 6-1-08.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
2 2009.