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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/1-131.5 new	
625 ILCS 5/Ch. 11 Art. XV heading	
625 ILCS 5/11-1502	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1502
625 ILCS 5/11-1504	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1504
625 ILCS 5/11-1505	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1505
625 ILCS 5/11-1505.1	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1505.1
625 ILCS 5/11-1510	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1510
625 ILCS 5/11-1511	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1511
625 ILCS 5/11-1514	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1514

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "in-line speed skates". Provides that traffic laws apply to persons using in-line speed skates and that persons using in-line speed skates shall be granted all of the rights and subjected to all of the duties applicable to drivers of vehicles under the Code, with certain exceptions. Provides that in-line speed skaters may not attach themselves to any vehicle upon a roadway. Contains provisions concerning the position of in-line skaters on highways, left-turn protocol, turn and stop signals, and racing.

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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 the heading of Article XV of Chapter 11 and Sections 11-1502,
6 11-1504, 11-1505, 11-1505.1, 11-1510, 11-1511, and 11-1514 and
7 by adding Section 1-131.5 as follows:

8 (625 ILCS 5/1-131.5 new)

9 Sec. 1-131.5. In-line speed skates. Roller skates (1) that
10 are equipped with wheels arranged in a straight line and (2) on
11 which the top of the boot affixed to the frame holding the
12 wheels does not extend more than one inch above the wearer's
13 ankle joint.

14 (625 ILCS 5/Ch. 11 Art. XV heading)

15 ARTICLE XV. BICYCLES AND IN-LINE SPEED SKATES

16 (625 ILCS 5/11-1502) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1502)

17 Sec. 11-1502. Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles
18 or using in-line speed skates. Every person riding a bicycle or
19 using in-line speed skates upon a highway shall be granted all
20 of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties
21 applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this Code, except as

1 to special regulations in this Article XV and except as to
2 those provisions of this Code which by their nature can have no
3 application.

4 (Source: P.A. 82-132.)

5 (625 ILCS 5/11-1504) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1504)

6 Sec. 11-1504. Clinging to vehicles. No person riding upon
7 any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled, ~~or~~ toy vehicle, or
8 using in-line speed skates shall attach the same or himself to
9 any vehicle upon a roadway.

10 (Source: P.A. 82-132.)

11 (625 ILCS 5/11-1505) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1505)

12 Sec. 11-1505. Position of bicycles, ~~and~~ motorized pedal
13 cycles, and in-line speed skates on roadways - Riding and
14 skating on roadways and bicycle paths.

15 (a) Any person operating a bicycle or motorized pedal cycle
16 or using in-line speed skates upon a roadway at less than the
17 normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the
18 conditions then existing shall ride as close as practicable and
19 safe to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except under
20 the following situations:

21 1. When overtaking and passing another bicycle,
22 motorized pedal cycle, skater, or vehicle proceeding in the
23 same direction; or

24 2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or

1 into a private road or driveway; or

2 3. When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions
3 including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects,
4 parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, motorized pedal
5 cycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or
6 substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to continue
7 along the right-hand curb or edge. For purposes of this
8 subsection, a "substandard width lane" means a lane that is
9 too narrow for a bicycle, ~~or~~ motorized pedal cycle, or
10 in-line speed skater and a vehicle to travel safely side by
11 side within the lane; or ~~or~~.

12 4. When approaching a place where a right turn is
13 authorized.

14 (b) Any person operating a bicycle or motorized pedal cycle
15 or using in-line speed skates upon a one-way highway with two
16 or more marked traffic lanes may ride or skate as near the
17 left-hand curb or edge of such roadway as practicable.

18 (Source: P.A. 95-231, eff. 1-1-08; revised 11-21-11.)

19 (625 ILCS 5/11-1505.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1505.1)

20 Sec. 11-1505.1. Persons riding bicycles or motorized pedal
21 cycles or using in-line speed skates upon a roadway shall not
22 ride or skate more than 2 abreast, except on paths or parts of
23 roadways set aside for their exclusive use. Persons riding or
24 skating 2 abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable
25 movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride or

1 skate within a single lane subject to the provisions of Section
2 11-1505.

3 (Source: P.A. 83-549.)

4 (625 ILCS 5/11-1510) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1510)

5 Sec. 11-1510. Left Turns.

6 (a) A person riding a bicycle or moped or using in-line
7 speed skates intending to turn left shall follow a course
8 described in Section 11-801 or in paragraph (b) of this
9 Section.

10 (b) A person riding a bicycle or moped or using in-line
11 speed skates intending to turn left shall approach the turn as
12 close as practicable to the right curb or edge of the roadway.
13 After proceeding across the intersecting roadway to the far
14 corner of the curb or intersection of the roadway edges, the
15 bicyclist, skater, or moped driver shall stop, as much as
16 practicable out of the way of traffic. After stopping the
17 person shall yield to any traffic proceeding in either
18 direction along the roadway such person had been using. After
19 yielding, the bicyclist, skater, ~~bicycle~~ or moped driver shall
20 comply with any official traffic control device or police
21 officer regulating traffic on the highway along which he
22 intends to proceed, and the bicyclist, skater, or moped driver
23 may proceed in the new direction.

24 (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the
25 Department and local authorities in their respective

1 jurisdictions may cause official traffic-control devices to be
2 placed and thereby require and direct that a specific course be
3 traveled by turning bicyclists, skaters, and moped drivers,
4 ~~bicycles and moped,~~ and when such devices are so placed, no
5 person shall turn a ~~bicycle or moped~~ other than as directed and
6 required by such devices.

7 (Source: P.A. 96-554, eff. 1-1-10.)

8 (625 ILCS 5/11-1511) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1511)

9 Sec. 11-1511. Turn and stop signals. (a) Except as provided
10 in this Section, a person riding a bicycle or using in-line
11 speed skates shall comply with Section 11-804.

12 (b) A signal of intention to turn right or left when
13 required shall be given during not less than the last 100 feet
14 traveled by the bicycle or skater before turning, and shall be
15 given while the bicycle or skater is stopped waiting to turn. A
16 signal by hand and arm need not be given continuously if the
17 hand is needed in the control or operation of the bicycle.

18 (Source: P.A. 82-132.)

19 (625 ILCS 5/11-1514) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1514)

20 Sec. 11-1514. Bicycle or in-line speed skate racing. (a)
21 Bicycle or in-line speed skate racing on a highway shall not be
22 unlawful when a racing event has been approved by State or
23 local authorities on any highway under their respective
24 jurisdictions. Approval of bicycle or in-line speed skate

1 highway racing events shall be granted only under conditions
2 which assure reasonable safety for all race participants,
3 spectators and other highways users, and which prevent
4 unreasonable interference with traffic flow which would
5 seriously inconvenience other highway users.

6 (b) By agreement with the approving authority,
7 participants in an approved bicycle or in-line speed skate
8 highway racing event may be exempted from compliance with any
9 traffic laws otherwise applicable thereto, provided that
10 traffic control is adequate to assure the safety of all highway
11 users.

12 (Source: P.A. 82-132.)