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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 263

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 263 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Secretary of State Act is amended by adding
5 Section 30 as follows:

6 (15 ILCS 305/30 new)

7 Sec. 30. Dutch Reach door opening method. The Secretary of
8 State shall include in the Illinois Rules of the Road
9 publication information advising drivers to use the Dutch Reach
10 method when opening a vehicle door after parallel parking on a
11 street. The Dutch Reach method includes: (1) checking the
12 rear-view mirror; (2) checking the side-view mirror; and (3)
13 opening the door with the right hand, or the hand farthest from
14 the driver's-side door, thereby reducing the risk of injuring a
15 bicyclist or opening the door in the path a vehicle approaching
16 from behind.

1 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
2 changing Section 6-109 as follows:

3 (625 ILCS 5/6-109)

4 Sec. 6-109. Examination of Applicants.

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

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

23 The Secretary of State shall include at least one test
24 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, which may include, but not be limited to,
9 questions concerning the Dutch Reach method as described in
10 Section 30 of the Secretary of State Act.

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

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

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

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

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

1 (Source: P.A. 96-1167, eff. 7-22-10; 96-1231, eff. 7-23-10;
2 97-333, eff. 8-12-11.)".