

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 HB4483

Introduced 1/17/2024, by Rep. Dan Caulkins

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-503

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-503

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a person commits reckless driving when the person drives or operates any vehicle without physically being present in the vehicle.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Section 11-503 as follows:
- 6 (625 ILCS 5/11-503) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-503)
- Sec. 11-503. Reckless driving; aggravated reckless driving.
- 9 (a) A person commits reckless driving if he or she:
- 10 (1) drives any vehicle with a willful or wanton 11 disregard for the safety of persons or property; or
- 12 (2) knowingly drives a vehicle and uses an incline in 13 a roadway, such as a railroad crossing, bridge approach, 14 or hill, to cause the vehicle to become airborne; or <del>-</del>
- 15 (3) drives or operates any vehicle without physically
  16 being present in the vehicle.
  - (b) Every person convicted of reckless driving shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, except as provided under subsections (b-1), (c), and (d) of this Section.
    - (b-1) Except as provided in subsection (d), any person convicted of violating subsection (a), if the violation causes bodily harm to a child or a school crossing guard while the school crossing guard is performing his or her official

- duties, is guilty of a Class 4 felony.
- (c) Every person convicted of committing a violation of subsection (a) shall be guilty of aggravated reckless driving if the violation results in great bodily harm or permanent disability or disfigurement to another. Except as provided in subsection (d) of this Section, aggravated reckless driving is a Class 4 felony.
- (d) Any person convicted of violating subsection (a), if
  the violation causes great bodily harm or permanent disability
  or disfigurement to a child or a school crossing guard while
  the school crossing guard is performing his or her official
  duties, is guilty of aggravated reckless driving. Aggravated
  reckless driving under this subsection (d) is a Class 3
  felony.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 95-467, eff. 6-1-08.)