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 Sections 6-103, 6-106.1, and 6-202 and the heading of Article IV Ch. 6 and Sections 6-401, 6-402, 6-403, 6-404, 6-405, 6-406, 6-407, 6-408, 6-408.5, 6-409, 6-410, 6-411, 6-412, 6-413, 6-414, 6-415, 6-416, 6-417, 6-419, 6-420, 6-422, 6-901, and 11-1301.3 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/6-103) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-103)

Sec. 6-103. What persons shall not be licensed as drivers or granted permits. The Secretary of State shall not issue, renew, or allow the retention of any driver's license nor issue any permit under this Code:

1. To any person, as a driver, who is under the age of 18 years except as provided in Section 6-107, and except that an instruction permit may be issued under Section 6-107.1 to a child who is not less than 15 years of age if the child is enrolled in an approved driver education course as defined in Section 1-103 of this Code and requires an instruction permit to participate therein, except that an instruction permit may be issued under the provisions of Section 6-107.1 to a child who is 17 years

and 3 months of age without the child having enrolled in an approved driver education course and except that an instruction permit may be issued to a child who is at least 15 years and 3 months of age, is enrolled in school, meets the educational requirements of the Driver Education Act, and has passed examinations the Secretary of State in his or her discretion may prescribe;

- 2. To any person who is under the age of 18 as an operator of a motorcycle other than a motor driven cycle unless the person has, in addition to meeting the provisions of Section 6-107 of this Code, successfully completed a motorcycle training course approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation and successfully completes the required Secretary of State's motorcycle driver's examination;
- 3. To any person, as a driver, whose driver's license or permit has been suspended, during the suspension, nor to any person whose driver's license or permit has been revoked, except as provided in Sections 6-205, 6-206, and 6-208;
- 4. To any person, as a driver, who is a user of alcohol or any other drug to a degree that renders the person incapable of safely driving a motor vehicle;
- 5. To any person, as a driver, who has previously been adjudged to be afflicted with or suffering from any mental or physical disability or disease and who has not at the

time of application been restored to competency by the methods provided by law;

- 6. To any person, as a driver, who is required by the Secretary of State to submit an alcohol and drug evaluation or take an examination provided for in this Code unless the person has successfully passed the examination and submitted any required evaluation;
- 7. To any person who is required under the provisions of the laws of this State to deposit security or proof of financial responsibility and who has not deposited the security or proof;
- 8. To any person when the Secretary of State has good cause to believe that the person by reason of physical or mental disability would not be able to safely operate a motor vehicle upon the highways, unless the person shall furnish to the Secretary of State a verified written statement, acceptable to the Secretary of State, from a competent medical specialist to the effect that the operation of a motor vehicle by the person would not be inimical to the public safety;
- 9. To any person, as a driver, who is 69 years of age or older, unless the person has successfully complied with the provisions of Section 6-109;
- 10. To any person convicted, within 12 months of application for a license, of any of the sexual offenses enumerated in paragraph 2 of subsection (b) of Section

6-205;

- 11. To any person who is under the age of 21 years with a classification prohibited in paragraph (b) of Section 6-104 and to any person who is under the age of 18 years with a classification prohibited in paragraph (c) of Section 6-104;
- 12. To any person who has been either convicted of or adjudicated under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 based upon a violation of the Cannabis Control Act, the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act while that person was in actual physical control of a motor vehicle. For purposes of this Section, any person placed on probation under Section 10 of the Cannabis Control Act, Section 410 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, or Section 70 Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act shall not be considered convicted. Any person found guilty of this offense, while in actual physical control of a motor vehicle, shall have an entry made in the court record by the judge that this offense did occur while the person was in actual physical control of a motor vehicle and order the clerk of the court to report the violation to the Secretary of State as such. The Secretary of State shall not issue a new license or permit for a period of one year;
- 13. To any person who is under the age of 18 years and who has committed the offense of operating a motor vehicle

without a valid license or permit in violation of Section 6-101 or a similar out of state offense;

- 14. To any person who is 90 days or more delinquent in court ordered child support payments or has been adjudicated in arrears in an amount equal to 90 days' obligation or more and who has been found in contempt of court for failure to pay the support, subject to the requirements and procedures of Article VII of Chapter 7 of the Illinois Vehicle Code;
- 14.5. To any person certified by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services as being 90 days or more delinquent in payment of support under an order of support entered by a court or administrative body of this or any other State, subject to the requirements and procedures of Article VII of Chapter 7 of this Code regarding those certifications;
- 15. To any person released from a term of imprisonment for violating Section 9-3 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or a similar provision of a law of another state relating to reckless homicide or for violating subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Section 11-501 of this Code relating to aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds, or any combination thereof, if the violation was the proximate cause of a death, within 24 months of release from a term of imprisonment;

- 16. To any person who, with intent to influence any act related to the issuance of any driver's license or permit, by an employee of the Secretary of State's Office, or the owner or employee of any commercial driver exam training school licensed by the Secretary of State, or any other individual authorized by the laws of this State to give driving instructions or administer all or part of a driver's license examination, promises or tenders to that person any property or personal advantage which that person is not authorized by law to accept. Any persons promising or tendering such property or personal advantage shall be disqualified from holding any class of driver's license or permit for 120 consecutive days. The Secretary of State shall establish by rule the procedures for implementing this period of disqualification and the procedures by which persons so disqualified may obtain administrative review of the decision to disqualify;
- 17. To any person for whom the Secretary of State cannot verify the accuracy of any information or documentation submitted in application for a driver's license; or
- 18. To any person who has been adjudicated under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 based upon an offense that is determined by the court to have been committed in furtherance of the criminal activities of an organized gang, as provided in Section 5-710 of that Act, and that

involved the operation or use of a motor vehicle or the use of a driver's license or permit. The person shall be denied a license or permit for the period determined by the court.

The Secretary of State shall retain all conviction information, if the information is required to be held confidential under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

(Source: P.A. 95-310, eff. 1-1-08; 95-337, eff. 6-1-08; 95-685, eff. 6-23-07; 95-876, eff. 8-21-08; 96-607, eff. 8-24-09; 96-740, eff. 1-1-10; revised 9-15-09.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-106.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-106.1) Sec. 6-106.1. School bus driver permit.

(a) The Secretary of State shall issue a school bus driver permit to those applicants who have met all the requirements of the application and screening process under this Section to insure the welfare and safety of children who are transported on school buses throughout the State of Illinois. Applicants shall obtain the proper application required by the Secretary of State from their prospective or current employer and submit the completed application to the prospective or current employer along with the necessary fingerprint submission as required by the Department of State Police to conduct fingerprint based criminal background checks on current and future information available in the state system and current information available through the Federal Investigation's system. Applicants who have completed the

fingerprinting requirements shall not be subjected to the fingerprinting process when applying for subsequent permits or submitting proof of successful completion of the annual refresher course. Individuals who on the effective date of this Act possess a valid school bus driver permit that has been previously issued by the appropriate Regional Superintendent are not subject to the fingerprinting provisions of this Section as long as the permit remains valid and does not lapse. The applicant shall be required to pay all related application and fingerprinting fees as established by rule including, but not limited to, the amounts established by the Department of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to process fingerprint based criminal background investigations. All fees paid for fingerprint processing services under this Section shall be deposited into the State Police Services Fund for the cost incurred in processing the fingerprint based criminal background investigations. All other fees paid under this Section shall be deposited into the Road Fund for the purpose of defraying the costs of the Secretary of State in administering this Section. All applicants must:

- 1. be 21 years of age or older;
- 2. possess a valid and properly classified driver's license issued by the Secretary of State;
- 3. possess a valid driver's license, which has not been revoked, suspended, or canceled for 3 years immediately

prior to the date of application, or have not had his or her commercial motor vehicle driving privileges disqualified within the 3 years immediately prior to the date of application;

- 4. successfully pass a written test, administered by the Secretary of State, on school bus operation, school bus safety, and special traffic laws relating to school buses and submit to a review of the applicant's driving habits by the Secretary of State at the time the written test is given;
- 5. demonstrate ability to exercise reasonable care in the operation of school buses in accordance with rules promulgated by the Secretary of State;
- 6. demonstrate physical fitness to operate school buses by submitting the results of a medical examination, including tests for drug use for each applicant not subject to such testing pursuant to federal law, conducted by a licensed physician, an advanced practice nurse who has a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician which authorizes him or her to perform medical examinations, or a physician assistant who has been delegated the performance of medical examinations by his or her supervising physician within 90 days of the date of application according to standards promulgated by the Secretary of State;
 - 7. affirm under penalties of perjury that he or she has

not made a false statement or knowingly concealed a material fact in any application for permit;

- 8. have completed an initial classroom course, including first aid procedures, in school bus driver safety as promulgated by the Secretary of State; and after satisfactory completion of said initial course an annual refresher course; such courses and the agency or organization conducting such courses shall be approved by the Secretary of State; failure to complete the annual refresher course, shall result in cancellation of the permit until such course is completed;
- 9. not have been convicted of 2 or more serious traffic offenses, as defined by rule, within one year prior to the date of application that may endanger the life or safety of any of the driver's passengers within the duration of the permit period;
- 10. not have been convicted of reckless driving, aggravated reckless driving, driving while under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds or any combination thereof intoxicated, or reckless homicide resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle within 3 years of the date of application;
- 11. not have been convicted of committing or attempting to commit any one or more of the following offenses: (i) those offenses defined in Sections 9-1, 9-1.2, 9-2, 9-2.1,

9-3, 9-3.2, 9-3.3, 10-1, 10-2, 10-3.1, 10-4, 10-5, 10-6, 10-7, 11-6, 11-9, 11-9.1, 11-14, 11-15, 11-15.1, 11-16, 11-17, 11-18, 11-19, 11-19.1, 11-19.2, 11-20, 11-20.1, 11-21, 11-22, 12-3.1, 12-4.1, 12-4.2, 12-4.3, 12-4.4, 12-4.5, 12-6, 12-6.2, 12-7.1, 12-7.3, 12-7.4, 12-11, 12-13, 12-14, 12-14.1, 12-15, 12-16, 12-16.2, 12-21.5, 12-21.6, 12-33, 18-1, 18-2, 18-3, 18-4, 18-5, 20-1, 20-1.1, 20-2, 24-1, 24-1.1, 24-1.2, 24-3.3, 31A-1, 31A-1.1, and 33A-2, and in subsection (a) and subsection (b), clause (1), of Section 12-4 of the Criminal Code of 1961; (ii) those offenses defined in the Cannabis Control Act except those offenses defined in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4, and subsection (a) of Section 5 of the Cannabis Control Act; (iii) those offenses defined in the Illinois Controlled Substances Act; (iv) those offenses defined in the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act; (v) any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States, which if committed or attempted in this State would be punishable as one or more of the foregoing offenses; (vi) the offenses defined in Section 4.1 and 5.1 of the Wrongs to Children Act and (vii) those offenses defined in Section 6-16 of the Liquor Control Act of 1934;

12. not have been repeatedly involved as a driver in motor vehicle collisions or been repeatedly convicted of offenses against laws and ordinances regulating the

movement of traffic, to a degree which indicates lack of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable care in the safe operation of a motor vehicle or disrespect for the traffic laws and the safety of other persons upon the highway;

- 13. not have, through the unlawful operation of a motor vehicle, caused an accident resulting in the death of any person; and
- 14. not have, within the last 5 years, been adjudged to be afflicted with or suffering from any mental disability or disease.
- (b) A school bus driver permit shall be valid for a period specified by the Secretary of State as set forth by rule. It shall be renewable upon compliance with subsection (a) of this Section.
- (c) A school bus driver permit shall contain the holder's driver's license number, legal name, residence address, zip code, social security number and date of birth, a brief description of the holder and a space for signature. The Secretary of State may require a suitable photograph of the holder.
- (d) The employer shall be responsible for conducting a pre-employment interview with prospective school bus driver candidates, distributing school bus driver applications and medical forms to be completed by the applicant, and submitting the applicant's fingerprint cards to the Department of State

Police that are required for the criminal background investigations. The employer shall certify in writing to the Secretary of State that all pre-employment conditions have been successfully completed including the successful completion of an Illinois specific criminal background investigation through the Department of State Police and the submission of necessary fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for criminal history information available through the Federal Bureau of Investigation system. The applicant shall present the certification to the Secretary of State at the time of submitting the school bus driver permit application.

(e) Permits shall initially be provisional upon receiving certification from the employer that all pre-employment conditions have been successfully completed, and successful completion of all training and examination requirements for the classification of the vehicle to be operated, the Secretary of State shall provisionally issue a School Bus Driver Permit. The permit shall remain in a provisional status pending the completion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's criminal background investigation based upon fingerprinting specimens submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the Department of State Police. The Federal Bureau of Investigation shall report the findings directly to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall remove the bus driver permit from provisional status upon the applicant's successful completion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's criminal background investigation.

- (f) A school bus driver permit holder shall notify the employer and the Secretary of State if he or she is convicted in another state of an offense that would make him or her ineligible for a permit under subsection (a) of this Section. The written notification shall be made within 5 days of the entry of the conviction. Failure of the permit holder to provide the notification is punishable as a petty offense for a first violation and a Class B misdemeanor for a second or subsequent violation.
 - (g) Cancellation; suspension; notice and procedure.
 - (1) The Secretary of State shall cancel a school bus driver permit of an applicant whose criminal background investigation discloses that he or she is not in compliance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section.
 - (2) The Secretary of State shall cancel a school bus driver permit when he or she receives notice that the permit holder fails to comply with any provision of this Section or any rule promulgated for the administration of this Section.
 - (3) The Secretary of State shall cancel a school bus driver permit if the permit holder's restricted commercial or commercial driving privileges are withdrawn or otherwise invalidated.
 - (4) The Secretary of State may not issue a school bus driver permit for a period of 3 years to an applicant who

fails to obtain a negative result on a drug test as required in item 6 of subsection (a) of this Section or under federal law.

- (5) The Secretary of State shall forthwith suspend a school bus driver permit for a period of 3 years upon receiving notice that the holder has failed to obtain a negative result on a drug test as required in item 6 of subsection (a) of this Section or under federal law.
- (6) The Secretary of State shall suspend a school bus driver permit for a period of 3 years upon receiving notice from the employer that the holder failed to perform the inspection procedure set forth in subsection (a) or (b) of Section 12-816 of this Code.

Secretary of State shall notify the Superintendent of Education and the permit prospective or current employer that the applicant has (1) has failed a criminal background investigation or (2) is no longer eligible for a school bus driver permit; and of the related cancellation of the applicant's provisional school bus driver permit. The cancellation shall remain in effect pending the outcome of a hearing pursuant to Section 2-118 of this Code. The scope of the hearing shall be limited to the issuance criteria contained in subsection (a) of this Section. A petition requesting a hearing shall be submitted to the Secretary of State and shall contain the reason the individual feels he or she is entitled to a school bus driver permit. The permit holder's employer shall notify in writing to the Secretary of State that the employer has certified the removal of the offending school bus driver from service prior to the start of that school bus driver's next workshift. An employing school board that fails to remove the offending school bus driver from service is subject to the penalties defined in Section 3-14.23 of the School Code. A school bus contractor who violates a provision of this Section is subject to the penalties defined in Section 6-106.11.

All valid school bus driver permits issued under this Section prior to January 1, 1995, shall remain effective until their expiration date unless otherwise invalidated.

- (h) When a school bus driver permit holder who is a service member is called to active duty, the employer of the permit holder shall notify the Secretary of State, within 30 days of notification from the permit holder, that the permit holder has been called to active duty. Upon notification pursuant to this subsection, (i) the Secretary of State shall characterize the permit as inactive until a permit holder renews the permit as provided in subsection (i) of this Section, and (ii) if a permit holder fails to comply with the requirements of this Section while called to active duty, the Secretary of State shall not characterize the permit as invalid.
- (i) A school bus driver permit holder who is a service member returning from active duty must, within 90 days, renew a permit characterized as inactive pursuant to subsection (h) of

this Section by complying with the renewal requirements of subsection (b) of this Section.

(j) For purposes of subsections (h) and (i) of this Section:

"Active duty" means active duty pursuant to an executive order of the President of the United States, an act of the Congress of the United States, or an order of the Governor.

"Service member" means a member of the Armed Services or reserve forces of the United States or a member of the Illinois National Guard.

(Source: P.A. 96-89, eff. 7-27-09; 96-818, eff. 11-17-09; revised 12-1-09.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-202) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-202)

Sec. 6-202. Non-residents and Unlicensed Persons-Revocation and Suspension-Reporting Convictions.

- (a) The privilege of driving a motor vehicle on highways of this State given to a nonresident hereunder and the privilege which an unlicensed person might have to obtain a license under this Act shall be subject to suspension or revocation by the Secretary of State in like manner and for like cause as a drivers license issued hereunder may be suspended or revoked.
- (b) The Secretary of State is authorized, upon receiving a report of the conviction in this State of a nonresident driver of a motor vehicle of any offense under the laws of this State relating to operation, custody or ownership of motor vehicles,

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to forward a copy or abstract of such report to the motor vehicle administrator of the State wherein the person so convicted is a resident.

- (c) (Blank.) When a nonresident's operating privilege is suspended or revoked, the Secretary of State shall forward a certified copy of the record of such action to the motor vehicle administrator in the State where such person resides.
- (d) This section is subject to the provisions of the Driver License Compact.

(Source: P.A. 76-1752.)

(625 ILCS 5/Ch. 6 Art. IV heading)

ARTICLE IV. COMMERCIAL DRIVER EXAM TRAINING SCHOOLS (Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-401) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-401)

Sec. 6-401. Driver exam training schools for preparation for examination given by Secretary of State—license required. No person, firm, association, partnership or corporation shall operate a driver exam training school or engage in the business of giving instruction for hire or for a fee in the driving of motor vehicles for the preparation of an applicant for examination given by the Secretary of State for a drivers license or permit, unless a license therefor has been issued by the Secretary. No public schools or educational institutions shall contract with entities engaged in the business of giving

instruction for hire or for a fee in the driving of motor vehicles for the preparation of an applicant for examination given by the Secretary of State for a driver's license or permit, unless a license therefor has been issued by the Secretary.

This Section shall not apply to (i) public schools or to educational institutions in which driving instruction is part of the curriculum, (ii) employers giving instruction to their employees, or (iii) schools that teach enhanced driving skills to licensed drivers as set forth in Article X of Chapter 6 of this Code.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-402) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-402)

Sec. 6-402. Qualifications of driver exam training schools. In order to qualify for a license to operate a driver exam training school, each applicant must:

- (a) be of good moral character;
- (b) be at least 21 years of age;
- (c) maintain an established place of business open to the public which meets the requirements of Section 6-403 through 6-407;
- (d) maintain bodily injury and property damage liability insurance on motor vehicles while used in driving exam instruction, insuring the liability of the driving school, the driving instructors and any person taking

instruction in at least the following amounts: \$50,000 for bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident and, subject to said limit for one person, \$100,000 for bodily injury to or death of 2 or more persons in any one accident and the amount of \$10,000 for damage to property of others in any one accident. Evidence of such insurance coverage in the form of a certificate from the insurance carrier shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and such certificate shall stipulate that the insurance shall not be cancelled except upon 10 days prior written notice to the Secretary of State. The decal showing evidence of insurance shall be affixed to the windshield of the vehicle;

- (e) provide a continuous surety company bond in the principal sum of \$20,000 for the protection of the contractual rights of students in such form as will meet with the approval of the Secretary of State and written by a company authorized to do business in this State. However, the aggregate liability of the surety for all breaches of the condition of the bond in no event shall exceed the principal sum of \$20,000. The surety on any such bond may cancel such bond on giving 30 days notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of State and shall be relieved of liability for any breach of any conditions of the bond which occurs after the effective date of cancellation;
 - (f) have the equipment necessary to the giving of

proper instruction in the operation of motor vehicles;

- (g) have and use a business telephone listing for all business purposes;
- (h) pay to the Secretary of State an application fee of \$500 and \$50 for each branch application; and
- authorize an investigation fingerprint based background check to determine if the applicant has ever been convicted of a crime and if so, the disposition of those convictions. The authorization shall indicate the scope of the inquiry and the agencies that may be contacted. Upon this authorization, the Secretary of State may request and receive information and assistance from any federal, State, or local governmental agency as part of the authorized investigation. Each applicant shall have his or her fingerprints submitted to the Department of State Police in the form and manner prescribed by the Department of State Police. The fingerprints shall be checked against the Department of State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record information databases. The Department of State Police shall charge a fee for conducting the criminal history records check, which shall be deposited in the State Police Services Fund and shall not exceed the actual cost of the records check. The applicant shall be required to pay all related fingerprint fees including, but not limited to, the amounts established by the Department of State Police and

the Federal Bureau of Investigation to process fingerprint based criminal background investigations. The Department of State Police shall provide information concerning any criminal convictions and disposition of convictions brought against the applicant upon request of the Secretary of State provided that the request is made in the form and manner required by the Department of the State Police. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the information derived from the investigation including the source of the information and any conclusions recommendations derived from the information by Secretary of State shall be provided to the applicant, or his designee, upon request to the Secretary of State, prior to any final action by the Secretary of State on the application. Any criminal convictions and disposition information obtained by the Secretary of State shall be confidential and may not be transmitted outside the Office of the Secretary of State, except as required herein, and may not be transmitted to anyone within the Office of the Secretary of State except as needed for the purpose of evaluating the applicant. The information obtained from the investigation may be maintained by the Secretary of or any agency to which the information was transmitted. Only information and standards, which bear a reasonable and rational relation to the performance of a driver exam training school owner, shall be used by the

Secretary of State. Any employee of the Secretary of State who gives or causes to be given away any confidential information concerning any criminal charges or disposition of criminal charges of an applicant shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, unless release of the information is authorized by this Section.

No license shall be issued under this Section to a person who is a spouse, offspring, sibling, parent, grandparent, grandchild, uncle or aunt, nephew or niece, cousin, or in-law of the person whose license to do business at that location has been revoked or denied or to a person who was an officer or employee of a business firm that has had its license revoked or denied, unless the Secretary of State is satisfied the application was submitted in good faith and not for the purpose or effect of defeating the intent of this Code.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-403) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-403)

Sec. 6-403. Established Place of Business. The established place of business of each driver exam training school must be owned or leased by the driver exam training school and regularly occupied and primarily used by that driver exam training school for the business of selling and giving driving instructions for hire or for a fee, and the business of preparing members of the public for examination given by the Secretary of State for a drivers license.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-404) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-404)

Sec. 6-404. Location of Schools. The established place of business of each driver exam training school must be located in a district which is zoned for business or commercial purposes. The driver exam training school office must have a permanent sign clearly readable from the street, from a distance of no less than 100 feet, with the name of the driving exam school upon it.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-405) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-405)

Sec. 6-405. Restrictions of Locations. The established place of business, or branch office, branch class room or advertised address of any driver exam training school shall not consist of or include a house trailer, residence, tent, temporary stand, temporary address, office space, a room or rooms in a hotel, rooming house or apartment house, or premises occupied by a single or multiple unit dwelling house or telephone answering service.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-406) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-406)

Sec. 6-406. Required Facilities.

(a) The established place of business of each driver exam

training school must consist of at least the following permanent facilities:

- (1) An office facility;
- (2) A class room facility.
- (b) The main class room facility of each driver exam training school must be reasonably accessible to the main office facility of the driver exam training school.
- (c) All class room facilities must have adequate lighting, heating, ventilation, and must comply with all state, and local laws relating to public health, safety and sanitation.
- (d) The main office facility and branch office facility of each driver exam training school must contain sufficient space, equipment, records and personnel to carry on the business of the driver exam training school. The main office facility must be specifically devoted to driver exam training school business.
- (e) A driver exam training school which as an established place of business and a main office facility, may operate a branch office or a branch class room provided that all the requirements for the main office or main class room are met and that such branch office bears the same name and is operated as a part of the same business entity as the main office facility.
- (f) No driver exam training school may share any main or branch facility or facilities with any other driver exam training school.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

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(625 ILCS 5/6-407) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-407)

Sec. 6-407. Locations and State Facilities. No office or place of business of a driver exam training school shall be established within 1,500 feet of any building used as an office by any department of the Secretary of State having to do with the administration of any laws relating to motor vehicles, nor may any driving school solicit or advertise for business within 1,500 feet of any building used as an office by the Secretary of State having to do with the administration of any laws relating to motor vehicles.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-408) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-408)

Sec. 6-408. Records. All driver exam training schools licensed by the Secretary of State must maintain a permanent record of instructions given to each student. The record must contain the name of the school and the name of the student, the number of all licenses or permits held by the student, the type and date of instruction given, whether class room or behind the wheel, and the signature of the instructor.

All permanent student instruction records must be kept on file in the main office of each driver exam training school for a period of 3 calendar years after the student has ceased taking instruction at or with the school.

The records should show the fees and charges of the school

and also the record should show the course content and instructions given to each student.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-408.5)

Sec. 6-408.5. Courses for students or high school dropouts; limitation.

- (a) No driver exam training school or driving exam training instructor licensed under this Act may request a certificate of completion from the Secretary of State as provided in Section 6-411 for any person who is enrolled as a student in any public or non-public secondary school at the time such instruction is to be provided, or who was so enrolled during the semester last ended if that instruction is to be provided between semesters or during the summer after the regular school term ends, unless that student has received a passing grade in at least 8 courses during the 2 semesters last ending prior to requesting a certificate of completion from the Secretary of State for the student.
- (b) No driver exam training school or driving exam training instructor licensed under this Act may request a certificate of completion from the Secretary of State as provided in Section 6-411 for any person who has dropped out of school and has not yet attained the age of 18 years unless the driver exam training school or driving exam training instructor has: 1) obtained written documentation verifying the dropout's

enrollment in a GED or alternative education program or has obtained a copy of the dropout's GED certificate; 2) obtained verification that the student prior to dropping out had received a passing grade in at least 8 courses during the 2 previous semesters last ending prior to requesting a certificate of completion; or 3) obtained written consent from the dropout's parents or guardians and the regional superintendent.

- (c) Students shall be informed of the eligibility requirements of this Act in writing at the time of registration.
- (d) The superintendent of schools of the school district in which the student resides and attends school or in which the student resides at the time he or she drops out of school (with respect to a public high school student or a dropout from the public high school) or the chief school administrator (with respect to a student who attends a non-public high school or a dropout from a non-public high school) may waive the requirements of this Section if the superintendent or chief school administrator, as the case may be, deems it to be in the best interests of the student or dropout. Before requesting a certificate of completion from the Secretary of State for any person who is enrolled as a student in any public or non-public secondary school or who was so enrolled in the semester last ending prior to the request for a certificate of completion from the Secretary of State or who is of high school age, the

driver exam training school shall determine from the school district in which that person resides or resided at the time of dropping out of school, or from the chief administrator of the non-public high school attended or last attended by such person, as the case may be, that such person is not ineligible to receive a certificate of completion under this Section.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-409) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-409)

Sec. 6-409. Display of License. Each driver exam training school must display at a prominent place in its main office all of the following:

- (a) The State license issued to the school;
- (b) The names and addresses and State instructors licenses of all instructors employed by the school;
- (c) The address of all branch offices and branch class rooms.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-410) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-410)

Sec. 6-410. Vehicle inspections. The Department of Transportation shall provide for the inspection of all motor vehicles used for driver exam training, and shall issue a safety inspection sticker provided:

(a) The motor vehicle has been inspected by the Department and found to be in safe mechanical condition;

- (b) The motor vehicle is equipped with dual control brakes and a mirror on each side of the motor vehicle so located as to reflect to the driver a view of the highway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of such motor vehicle; and
- (c) The motor vehicle is equipped with a sign or signs visible from the front and the rear in letters no less than 2 inches tall, listing the full name of the driver exam training school which has registered and insured the motor vehicle.

 (Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-411) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-411)

Sec. 6-411. Qualifications of Driver Exam Training Instructors. In order to qualify for a license as an instructor for a driving exam school, an applicant must:

- (a) Be of good moral character;
- (b) Authorize an investigation to include a fingerprint based background check to determine if the applicant has ever been convicted of a crime and if so, the disposition of those convictions; this authorization shall indicate the scope of the inquiry and the agencies which may be contacted. Upon this authorization the Secretary of State may request and receive information and assistance from any federal, state or local governmental agency as part of the authorized investigation. Each applicant shall submit his or her fingerprints to the Department of State Police in the form and manner prescribed by the Department

of State Police. These fingerprints shall be checked against the fingerprint records now and hereafter filed in the Department of State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history records databases. Department of State Police shall charge a fee conducting the criminal history records check, which shall be deposited in the State Police Services Fund and shall not exceed the actual cost of the records check. The applicant shall be required to pay all related fingerprint fees including, but not limited to, the amounts established by the Department of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to process fingerprint based criminal background investigations. The Department of State Police provide information concerning any criminal convictions, and their disposition, brought against the applicant upon request of the Secretary of State when the request is made in the form and manner required by the Department of State Police. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the information derived from this investigation including the source of this information, recommendations conclusions or derived from this information by the Secretary of State shall be provided to applicant, or his designee, upon request to the Secretary of State, prior to any final action by the Secretary of State on the application. Any criminal convictions and their disposition information obtained by the Secretary of State shall be confidential and may not be transmitted outside the Office of the Secretary of State, except as required herein, and may not be transmitted to anyone within the Office of the Secretary of State except as needed for the purpose of evaluating the applicant. The information obtained from this investigation may be maintained by the Secretary of State or any agency to which such information was transmitted. Only information and standards which bear a reasonable and rational relation to the performance of a driver exam training instructor shall be used by the Secretary of State. Any employee of the Secretary of State who gives or causes to be given away any confidential information concerning any criminal charges and their disposition of an applicant shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor unless release of such information is authorized by this Section;

- (c) Pass such examination as the Secretary of State shall require on (1) traffic laws, (2) safe driving practices, (3) operation of motor vehicles, and (4) qualifications of teacher;
- (d) Be physically able to operate safely a motor vehicle and to train others in the operation of motor vehicles. An instructors license application must be accompanied by a medical examination report completed by a competent physician licensed to practice in the State of Illinois;

- (e) Hold a valid Illinois drivers license;
- (f) Have graduated from an accredited high school after at least 4 years of high school education or the equivalent; and
- (g) Pay to the Secretary of State an application and license fee of \$70.

If a driver exam training school class room instructor teaches an approved driver education course, as defined in Section 1-103 of this Code, to students under 18 years of age, he or she shall furnish to the Secretary of State a certificate issued by the State Board of Education that the said instructor is qualified and meets the minimum educational standards for teaching driver education courses in the local public or parochial school systems, except that no State Board of Education certification shall be required of any instructor who teaches exclusively in a commercial driving school. On and after July 1, 1986, the existing rules and regulations of the State Board of Education concerning commercial driving schools shall continue to remain in effect but shall be administered by the Secretary of State until such time as the Secretary of State shall amend or repeal the rules in accordance with the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Upon request, the Secretary of State shall issue a certificate of completion to a student under 18 years of age who has completed an approved driver education course at a commercial driving school.

(Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

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(625 ILCS 5/6-412) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-412)

Sec. 6-412. Issuance of Licenses to Driver Exam Training Schools and Driver Exam Training Instructors. The Secretary of State shall issue a license certificate to each applicant to conduct a driver exam training school or to each driver exam training instructor when the Secretary of State is satisfied that such person has met the qualifications required under this Act.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-413) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-413)

Sec. 6-413. Expiration of Licenses. All outstanding licenses issued to any driver exam training school or driver exam training instructor under this Act shall expire by operation of law 24 months from the date of issuance, unless sooner cancelled, suspended or revoked under the provisions of Section 6-420.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-414) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-414)

Sec. 6-414. Renewal of Licenses. The license of each driver exam training school may be renewed subject to the same conditions as the original license, and upon the payment of a renewal license fee of \$500 and \$50 for each renewal of a branch application.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-415) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-415)

Sec. 6-415. Renewal Fee. The license of each driver exam training instructor may be renewed subject to the same conditions of the original license, and upon the payment of annual renewal license fee of \$70.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-416) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-416)

Sec. 6-416. Licenses: Form and Filing. All applications for renewal of a driver exam training school license or driver exam training instructor's license shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary, and must be filed with the Secretary not less than 15 days preceding the expiration date of the license to be renewed.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-417) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-417)

Sec. 6-417. Instructor's license. Each driver exam training instructor's license shall authorize the licensee to instruct only at or for the driver exam training school indicated on the license. The Secretary shall not issue a driver training instructor's license to any individual who is licensed to instruct at or for another driver exam training school.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-419) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-419)

Sec. 6-419. Rules and Regulations. The Secretary is authorized to prescribe by rule standards for the eligibility, conduct and operation of driver exam training schools, and instructors and to adopt other reasonable rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-420) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-420)

Sec. 6-420. Denial, Cancellation, Suspension, Revocation and Failure to Renew License. The Secretary may deny, cancel, suspend or revoke, or refuse to renew any driver exam training school license or any driver exam training instructor license:

- (1) When the Secretary is satisfied that the licensee fails to meet the requirements to receive or hold a license under this Code;
- (2) Whenever the licensee fails to keep the records required by this Code;
- (3) Whenever the licensee permits fraud or engages in fraudulent practices either with reference to a student or the Secretary, or induces or countenances fraud or fraudulent practices on the part of any applicant for a driver's license or permit;
 - (4) Whenever the licensee fails to comply with any

provision of this Code or any rule of the Secretary made pursuant thereto;

- (5) Whenever the licensee represents himself as an agent or employee of the Secretary or uses advertising designed to lead or which would reasonably have the effect of leading persons to believe that such licensee is in fact an employee or representative of the Secretary;
- (6) Whenever the licensee or any employee or agent of the licensee solicits driver training or instruction in an office of any department of the Secretary of State having to do with the administration of any law relating to motor vehicles, or within 1,500 feet of any such office;
- (7) Whenever the licensee is convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol, other drugs, or a combination thereof; leaving the scene of an accident; reckless homicide or reckless driving; or
- (8) Whenever a driver exam training school advertises that a driver's license is guaranteed upon completion of the course of instruction.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-422) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-422)

Sec. 6-422. Prior law and licenses thereunder. This Act shall not affect the validity of any outstanding license issued to any driver exam training school or driver exam training instructor by the Secretary of State under any prior law, nor

shall this Act affect the validity or legality of any contract, agreement or undertaking entered into by any driver exam training school or driver exam training instructor, or any person, firm, corporation, partnership or association based on those provisions of any prior law.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-901) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-901)

Sec. 6-901. Definitions. For the purposes of this Article: "Board" means the Driver's License Medical Advisory Board.

"Medical examiner" or "medical practitioner" means any person licensed to practice medicine in all its branches in the State of Illinois or any other state.

(Source: P.A. 92-703, eff. 7-19-02.)

(625 ILCS 5/11-1301.3) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1301.3)

Sec. 11-1301.3. Unauthorized use of parking places reserved for persons with disabilities.

(a) It shall be prohibited to park any motor vehicle which is not properly displaying registration plates or decals issued to a person with disabilities, as defined by Section 1-159.1, pursuant to Sections 3-616, 11-1301.1 or 11-1301.2, or to a disabled veteran pursuant to Section 3-609 of this Act, as evidence that the vehicle is operated by or for a person with disabilities or disabled veteran, in any parking place, including any private or public offstreet parking facility,

specifically reserved, by the posting of an official sign as designated under Section 11-301, for motor vehicles displaying such registration plates. It shall be prohibited to park any motor vehicle in a designated access aisle adjacent to any parking place specifically reserved for persons disabilities, by the posting of an official sign as designated under Section 11-301, for motor vehicles displaying such registration plates. When using the parking privileges for persons with disabilities, the parking decal or device must be displayed properly in the vehicle where it is clearly visible to law enforcement personnel, either hanging from the rearview mirror or placed on the dashboard of the vehicle in clear view. Disability license plates and parking decals and devices are not transferable from person to person. Proper usage of the disability license plate or parking decal or device requires the authorized holder to be present and enter or exit the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used. It is a violation of this Section to park in a space reserved for a person with disabilities if the authorized holder of the disability license plate or parking decal or device does not enter or exit the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used. Any motor vehicle properly displaying a disability license plate or a parking decal or device containing the International symbol of access issued to persons with disabilities by any local authority, state, district, territory or foreign country shall be recognized by State and local authorities as a valid license plate or device and receive the same parking privileges as residents of this State.

- (a-1) An individual with a vehicle displaying disability license plates or a parking decal or device issued to a qualified person with a disability under Sections 3-616, 11-1301.1, or 11-1301.2 or to a disabled veteran under Section 3-609 is in violation of this Section if (i) the person using the disability license plate or parking decal or device is not the authorized holder of the disability license plate or parking decal or device dholder of the disability license plate or parking decal or device or is not transporting the authorized holder of the disability license plate or parking decal or device to or from the parking location and (ii) the person uses the disability license plate or parking decal or device to exercise any privileges granted through the disability license plate or parking decals or devices under this Code.
- (b) Any person or local authority owning or operating any public or private offstreet parking facility may, after notifying the police or sheriff's department, remove or cause to be removed to the nearest garage or other place of safety any vehicle parked within a stall or space reserved for use by a person with disabilities which does not display person with disabilities registration plates or a special decal or device as required under this Section.
- (c) Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of subsection (a) shall be fined \$250 in addition to any costs or charges connected with the removal or storage of any motor

vehicle authorized under this Section; but municipalities by ordinance may impose a fine up to \$350 and shall display signs indicating the fine imposed. If the amount of the fine is subsequently changed, the municipality shall change the sign to indicate the current amount of the fine. It shall not be a defense to a charge under this Section that either the sign posted pursuant to this Section or the intended accessible parking place does not comply with the technical requirements of Section 11-301, Department regulations, or local ordinance if a reasonable person would be made aware by the sign or notice on or near the parking place that the place is reserved for a person with disabilities.

(c-1) Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of subsection (a-1) a first time shall be fined \$500. Any person found guilty of violating subsection (a-1) a second time shall be fined \$750, and the Secretary of State may revoke the person's driving privileges or suspend those privileges for a period of time to be determined by the Secretary. Any person found guilty of violating subsection (a-1) a third or subsequent time shall be fined \$1,000. The circuit clerk shall distribute 50% of the fine imposed on any person who is found guilty of or pleads guilty to violating this Section, including any person placed on court supervision for violating this Section, to the law enforcement agency that issued the citation or made the arrest. If more than one law enforcement agency is responsible for issuing the citation or making the arrest, the

50% of the fine imposed shall be shared equally. If an officer of the Secretary of State Department of Police arrested a person for a violation of this Section, 50% of the fine imposed shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Police Services Fund.

- (d) Local authorities shall impose fines as established in subsections (c) and (c-1) for violations of this Section.
- (e) As used in this Section, "authorized holder" means an individual issued a disability license plate under Section 3-616 of this Code, an individual issued a parking decal or device under Section 11-1301.2 of this Code, or an individual issued a disabled veteran's license plate under Section 3-609 of this Code.
- (f) Any person who commits a violation of subsection (a-1) may have his or her driving privileges suspended or revoked by the Secretary of State for a period of time determined by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may also suspend or revoke the disability license plates or parking decal or device for a period of time determined by the Secretary of State.
- (g) Any police officer may seize the parking decal or device from any person who commits a violation of this Section. Any police officer may seize the disability license plate upon authorization from the Secretary of State. Any police officer may request that the Secretary of State revoke the parking decal or device or the disability license plate of any person who commits a violation of this Section.

(Source: P.A. 95-167, eff. 1-1-08; 95-430, eff. 6-1-08; 95-876, eff. 8-21-08; 96-72, eff. 1-1-10; 96-79, eff. 1-1-10; revised 8-20-09.)

Section 10. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing Section 33-6 as follows:

(720 ILCS 5/33-6)

Sec. 33-6. Bribery to obtain driving privileges.

- (a) A person commits the offense of bribery to obtain driving privileges when:
 - (1) with intent to influence any act related to the issuance of any driver's license or permit by an employee of the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, or the owner or employee of any commercial driver exam training school licensed by the Illinois Secretary of State, or any other individual authorized by the laws of this State to give driving instructions or administer all or part of a driver's license examination, he or she promises or tenders to that person any property or personal advantage which that person is not authorized by law to accept; or
 - (2) with intent to cause any person to influence any act related to the issuance of any driver's license or permit by an employee of the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, or the owner or employee of any commercial driver exam training school licensed by the Illinois Secretary of

State, or any other individual authorized by the laws of this State to give driving instructions or administer all or part of a driver's license examination, he or she promises or tenders to that person any property or personal advantage which that person is not authorized by law to accept; or

- (3) as an employee of the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, or the owner or employee of any commercial driver exam training school licensed by the Illinois Secretary of State, or any other individual authorized by the laws of this State to give driving instructions or administer all or part of a driver's license examination, solicits, receives, retains, or agrees to accept any property or personal advantage that he or she is not authorized by law to accept knowing that such property or personal advantage was promised or tendered with intent to influence the performance of any act related to the issuance of any driver's license or permit; or
- (4) as an employee of the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, or the owner or employee of any commercial driver exam training school licensed by the Illinois Secretary of State, or any other individual authorized by the laws of this State to give driving instructions or administer all or part of a driver's license examination, solicits, receives, retains, or agrees to accept any property or personal advantage pursuant to an understanding that he or

she shall improperly influence or attempt to influence the performance of any act related to the issuance of any driver's license or permit.

(b) Sentence. Bribery to obtain driving privileges is a Class 2 felony.

(Source: P.A. 96-740, eff. 1-1-10.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.

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