

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 6-109, 6-207, and 6-911 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/6-109)

Sec. 6-109. Examination of applicants.

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

The Secretary of State shall require the testing of the eyesight of any driver's license or permit applicant who has not been previously licensed as a driver under the laws of this State and shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide

for the orderly administration of all the provisions of this Section.

The Secretary of State shall include at least one test question that concerns the provisions of the Pedestrians with Disabilities Safety Act in the question pool used for the written portion of the driver's license examination within one year after July 22, 2010 (the effective date of Public Act 96-1167).

The Secretary of State shall include, in the question pool used for the written portion of the driver's license examination, test questions concerning safe driving in the presence of bicycles, of which one may be concerning the Dutch Reach method as described in Section 2-112.

The Secretary of State shall include, in the question pool used for the written portion of the driver's license examination, at least one test question concerning driver responsibilities when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle as described in Section 11-907. If an applicant gives an incorrect response to a test question concerning subsection (c) of Section 11-907, Section 11-907.5, or subsection (a-1) of Section 11-908, then the Secretary of State shall provide the applicant with information concerning those Sections.

(b) Except as provided for those applicants in paragraph (c), such examination shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight, his or her ability to read and understand official traffic control devices, his or her knowledge of safe driving

practices and the traffic laws of this State, and may include an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control of the operation of a motor vehicle, and such further physical and mental examination as the Secretary of State finds necessary to determine the applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely on the highways, except the examination of an applicant 75 years of age or older or, if the Secretary adopts rules under Section 37 of the Secretary of State Act to raise the age requirement for actual demonstrations, the examination of an applicant who has attained that increased age or is older shall include an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control of the operation of a motor vehicle. All portions of written and verbal examinations under this Section, excepting where the English language appears on facsimiles of road signs, may be given in the Spanish language and, at the discretion of the Secretary of State, in any other language as well as in English upon request of the examinee. Deaf persons who are otherwise qualified are not prohibited from being issued a license, other than a commercial driver's license, under this Code.

(c) Re-examination for those applicants who at the time of renewing their driver's license possess a driving record devoid of any convictions of traffic violations or evidence of committing an offense for which mandatory revocation would be required upon conviction pursuant to Section 6-205 at the time

of renewal shall be in a manner prescribed by the Secretary in order to determine an applicant's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle, except that every applicant for the renewal of a driver's license who is 79 ~~75~~ years of age or older must renew in person, and ~~or, if the Secretary adopts rules under Section 37 of the Secretary of State Act to raise the age requirement for actual demonstrations,~~ every applicant for the renewal of a driver's license who is 87 years of age or has attained that increased age or is older or who is 75 years of age or older and holds a commercial driver's license must prove, by an actual demonstration, the applicant's ability to exercise reasonable care in the safe operation of a motor vehicle.

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

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

(Source: P.A. 103-140, eff. 6-30-23; 103-680, eff. 1-1-25.)

Sec. 6-207. Secretary of State may require reexamination or reissuance of a license.

(a) The Secretary of State, having good cause to believe that a licensed driver or person holding a permit or applying for a license or license renewal is incompetent or otherwise not qualified to hold a license or permit, may upon written notice of at least 5 days to the person require the person to submit to an examination, including, but not limited to, a physical, mental, or driving examination, as prescribed by the Secretary.

Refusal or neglect of the person to submit an alcohol, drug, or intoxicating compound evaluation or submit to or failure to successfully complete the examination is grounds for suspension of the person's license or permit under Section 6-206 of this Act or cancellation of his license or permit under Section 6-201 of this Act.

(b) The Secretary of State, having issued a driver's license or permit in error, may upon written notice of at least 5 days to the person, require the person to appear at a Driver Services facility to have the license or permit error corrected and a new license or permit issued.

Refusal or neglect of the person to appear is grounds for cancellation of the person's license or permit under Section 6-201 of this Act.

(c) The Secretary of State, having issued a driver's license or permit to a person who subsequently becomes

ineligible to retain that license or permit as currently issued, may, upon written notice of at least 5 days to the person, require the person to appear at a Driver Services facility to have the license or permit corrected and a new license or permit issued.

(d) The Secretary of State, having good cause to believe that a driver's license or permit was issued based on invalid, fictitious, or fraudulent documents, may upon written notice of at least 5 days require the person to appear at a Driver Services facility to present valid documents for verification of identity. Refusal or neglect of the person to appear shall result in cancellation of the person's license or permit.

(e) Under 49 C.F.R. 383.73, if the Secretary of State receives credible information that a CLP or CDL was issued and fraud was committed relating to the issuance of the CLP or CDL, the Secretary shall require the CLP or CDL holder to re-submit to all testing required for the issuance of the CLP or CDL (written, pre-trip, skills, and road exams). Upon written notification by the Secretary, the holder shall have 5 days to submit to re-examination. Failure to appear or successfully complete the examination shall result in the cancellation of the CLP or CDL under Section 6-201 of this Act.

(f) The Secretary of State may adopt rules to implement this Section.

(Source: P.A. 97-229, eff. 7-28-11; 98-176 (see Section 10 of P.A. 98-722 and Section 10 of P.A. 99-414 for the effective

date of changes made by P.A. 98-176).)

(625 ILCS 5/6-911) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-911)

Sec. 6-911. Information submitted by medical practitioners; police officers; State's attorneys; ~~or~~ members of the judiciary; or immediate family members. Any qualified medical practitioner, commissioned police officer, State's attorney, ~~or~~ member of the judiciary acting in his or her official capacity, or immediate family member may submit information to the Secretary relative to the medical condition of a person, including suspected chronic alcoholism or habitual use of narcotics or dangerous drugs, if the condition interferes with the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely. Persons reporting under this Section shall enjoy the same immunities granted members of the Board under Section 6-910. Information must be submitted in writing in a manner and form approved by the Secretary and shall include the name of the person submitting the information. The Secretary may not accept or act on anonymous reports. The information submitted pursuant to this Section is confidential under Sections 2-123 and 6-908 of this Code.

For purposes of this Section, "immediate family member" means spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling, or child.

(Source: P.A. 87-1249.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2026.