



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB1481

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. Patrick Windhorst

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-506

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the driver's license of any person convicted of engaging in a street sideshow shall be revoked in the manner provided by the Code. Provides that every person convicted of engaging in a street sideshow shall be guilty of aggravated engaging in a street sideshow if the person, in committing the violation, was involved in a motor vehicle crash that resulted in great bodily harm or permanent disability or disfigurement to another, where the violation was a proximate cause of the injury. Provides that aggravated engaging in a street sideshow is a Class 4 felony for which the defendant, if sentenced to a term of imprisonment, shall be sentenced to not less than one year nor more than 12 years.

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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  
5 changing Section 11-506 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-506)

7 Sec. 11-506. Street racing; aggravated street racing;  
8 street sideshows.

9 (a) No person shall engage in street racing on any street  
10 or highway of this State.

11 (a-5) No person shall engage in a street sideshow on any  
12 street or highway of this State.

13 (b) No owner of any vehicle shall acquiesce in or permit  
14 his or her vehicle to be used by another for the purpose of  
15 street racing or a street sideshow.

16 (b-5) A person may not knowingly interfere with or cause  
17 the movement of traffic to slow or stop for the purpose of  
18 facilitating street racing or a street sideshow.

19 (c) For the purposes of this Section:

20 "Acquiesce" or "permit" means actual knowledge that the  
21 motor vehicle was to be used for the purpose of street racing  
22 or a street sideshow.

23 "Motor vehicle stunt" includes, but is not limited to,

1 operating a vehicle in a manner that causes the vehicle to  
2 slide or spin, driving within the proximity of a gathering of  
3 persons, performing maneuvers to demonstrate the performance  
4 capability of the motor vehicle, or maneuvering the vehicle in  
5 an attempt to elicit a reaction from a gathering of persons.

6 "Street racing" means:

7 (1) The operation of 2 or more vehicles from a point  
8 side by side at accelerating speeds in a competitive  
9 attempt to outdistance each other; or

10 (2) The operation of one or more vehicles over a  
11 common selected course, each starting at the same point,  
12 for the purpose of comparing the relative speeds or power  
13 of acceleration of such vehicle or vehicles within a  
14 certain distance or time limit; or

15 (3) The use of one or more vehicles in an attempt to  
16 outgain or outdistance another vehicle; or

17 (4) The use of one or more vehicles to prevent another  
18 vehicle from passing; or

19 (5) The use of one or more vehicles to arrive at a  
20 given destination ahead of another vehicle or vehicles; or

21 (6) The use of one or more vehicles to test the  
22 physical stamina or endurance of drivers over  
23 long-distance driving routes.

24 "Street sideshow" means an event in which one or more  
25 vehicles block or impede traffic on a street or highway, for  
26 the purpose of performing unauthorized motor vehicle stunts,

1 motor vehicle speed contests, or motor vehicle exhibitions of  
2 speed.

3 (d) Penalties.

4 (1) Any person who is convicted of a violation of  
5 subsection (a), (a-5), or (b-5) shall be guilty of a Class  
6 A misdemeanor for the first offense and shall be subject  
7 to a minimum fine of \$250. Any person convicted of a  
8 violation of subsection (a), (a-5), or (b-5) a second or  
9 subsequent time shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony and  
10 shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$500. The driver's  
11 license of any person convicted of subsection (a) or (a-5)  
12 shall be revoked in the manner provided by Section 6-205  
13 of this Code.

14 (2) Any person who is convicted of a violation of  
15 subsection (b) shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.  
16 Any person who is convicted of subsection (b) for a second  
17 or subsequent time shall be guilty of a Class A  
18 misdemeanor.

19 (3) Every person convicted of committing a violation  
20 of subsection (a) of this Section shall be guilty of  
21 aggravated street racing if the person, in committing a  
22 violation of subsection (a) was involved in a motor  
23 vehicle crash that resulted in great bodily harm or  
24 permanent disability or disfigurement to another, where  
25 the violation was a proximate cause of the injury.  
26 Aggravated street racing is a Class 4 felony for which the

1 defendant, if sentenced to a term of imprisonment, shall  
2 be sentenced to not less than one year nor more than 12  
3 years.

4 (4) Every person convicted of engaging in a street  
5 sideshow in violation of subsection (a-5) of this Section  
6 shall be guilty of aggravated engaging in a street  
7 sideshow if the person, in committing a violation of  
8 subsection (a-5), was involved in a motor vehicle crash  
9 that resulted in great bodily harm or permanent disability  
10 or disfigurement to another, where the violation was a  
11 proximate cause of the injury. Aggravated engaging in a  
12 street sideshow is a Class 4 felony for which the  
13 defendant, if sentenced to a term of imprisonment, shall  
14 be sentenced to not less than one year nor more than 12  
15 years.

16 (Source: P.A. 102-733, eff. 1-1-23; 102-982, eff. 7-1-23;  
17 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-706, eff. 1-1-25.)