



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB1718

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. Jed Davis

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/6-507

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-507

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that an employee of a township or road district with a population of less than 10,000 (rather than 3,000) operating a vehicle within the boundaries of the township or road district for the purpose of removing snow or ice from a roadway by plowing, sanding, or salting is waived from the requirements of provisions regarding commercial driver's licenses or permits when the employee is needed to operate the vehicle because the employee of the township or road district who ordinarily operates the vehicle and who has a commercial driver's license is unable to operate the vehicle or is in need of additional assistance due to a snow emergency.

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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 6-507 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/6-507) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-507)

7 Sec. 6-507. Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or
8 Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) required.

9 (a) Except as expressly permitted by this UCDLA, or when
10 driving pursuant to the issuance of a commercial learner's
11 permit and accompanied by the holder of a CDL valid for the
12 vehicle being driven; no person shall drive a commercial motor
13 vehicle on the highways without:

14 (1) a CDL in the driver's possession;

15 (2) having obtained a CLP or CDL;

16 (3) the proper class of CLP or CDL or endorsements or
17 both for the specific vehicle group being operated or for
18 the passengers or type of cargo being transported; or

19 (4) a copy of a medical variance document, if one
20 exists, such as an exemption letter or a skill performance
21 evaluation certificate.

22 (a-5) A CLP or CDL holder whose CLP or CDL is held by this
23 State or any other state in the course of enforcement of a

1 motor vehicle traffic code and who has not been convicted of a
2 disqualifying offense under 49 C.F.R. 383.51 based on this
3 enforcement, may drive a CMV while holding a dated receipt for
4 the CLP or CDL.

5 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this Code, no person
6 may drive a commercial motor vehicle on the highways while
7 such person's driving privilege, license, or permit is:

8 (1) Suspended, revoked, cancelled, or subject to
9 disqualification. Any person convicted of violating this
10 provision or a similar provision of this or any other
11 state shall have their driving privileges revoked under
12 paragraph 12 of subsection (a) of Section 6-205 of this
13 Code.

14 (2) Subject to or in violation of an "out-of-service"
15 order. Any person who has been issued a CLP or CDL and is
16 convicted of violating this provision or a similar
17 provision of any other state shall be disqualified from
18 operating a commercial motor vehicle under subsection (i)
19 of Section 6-514 of this Code.

20 (3) Subject to or in violation of a driver or vehicle
21 "out of service" order while operating a vehicle designed
22 to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver,
23 or transporting hazardous materials required to be
24 placarded. Any person who has been issued a CLP or CDL and
25 is convicted of violating this provision or a similar
26 provision of this or any other state shall be disqualified

1 from operating a commercial motor vehicle under subsection
2 (i) of Section 6-514 of this Code.

3 (b-3) Except as otherwise provided by this Code, no person
4 may drive a commercial motor vehicle on the highways during a
5 period which the commercial motor vehicle or the motor carrier
6 operation is subject to an "out-of-service" order. Any person
7 who is convicted of violating this provision or a similar
8 provision of any other state shall be disqualified from
9 operating a commercial motor vehicle under subsection (i) of
10 Section 6-514 of this Code.

11 (b-5) Except as otherwise provided by this Code, no person
12 may operate a vehicle designed to transport 16 or more
13 passengers including the driver or hazardous materials of a
14 type or quantity that requires the vehicle to be placarded
15 during a period in which the commercial motor vehicle or the
16 motor carrier operation is subject to an "out-of-service"
17 order. Any person who is convicted of violating this provision
18 or a similar provision of any other state shall be
19 disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle under
20 subsection (i) of Section 6-514 of this Code.

21 (c) Pursuant to the options provided to the States by FHWA
22 Docket No. MC-88-8, the driver of any motor vehicle controlled
23 or operated by or for a farmer is waived from the requirements
24 of this Section, when such motor vehicle is being used to
25 transport: agricultural products; implements of husbandry; or
26 farm supplies; to and from a farm, as long as such movement is

1 not over 150 air miles from the originating farm. This waiver
2 does not apply to the driver of any motor vehicle being used in
3 a common or contract carrier type operation. However, for
4 those drivers of any truck-tractor semitrailer combination or
5 combinations registered under subsection (c) of Section 3-815
6 of this Code, this waiver shall apply only when the driver is a
7 farmer or a member of the farmer's family and the driver is 21
8 years of age or more and has successfully completed any tests
9 the Secretary of State deems necessary.

10 In addition, the farmer or a member of the farmer's family
11 who operates a truck-tractor semitrailer combination or
12 combinations pursuant to this waiver shall be granted all of
13 the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties and
14 restrictions with respect to Sections 6-514 and 6-515 of this
15 Code applicable to the driver who possesses a commercial
16 driver's license issued under this Code, except that the
17 driver shall not be subject to any additional duties or
18 restrictions contained in Part 382 of the Federal Motor
19 Carrier Safety Regulations that are not otherwise imposed
20 under Section 6-514 or 6-515 of this Code.

21 For purposes of this subsection (c), a member of the
22 farmer's family is a natural or in-law spouse, child, parent,
23 or sibling.

24 As required under the Code of Federal Regulations 49 CFR
25 390.39, an operator of a covered farm vehicle, as defined
26 under Section 18b-101 of this Code, is exempt from the

1 requirements of this Section. However, for drivers of any
2 truck-tractor semitrailer combination or combinations
3 operating as a covered farm vehicle, the driver must
4 successfully complete any tests the Secretary of State deems
5 necessary. When operating any truck-tractor semitrailer
6 combination as a covered farm vehicle, the exemption applies
7 only to persons age 21 or older, if operating the vehicle in
8 interstate driving, and to persons at least 18 years of age, if
9 operating the vehicle in intrastate driving. The Secretary may
10 adopt rules necessary to implement this Section.

11 (c-5) An employee of a township or road district with a
12 population of less than 10,000 ~~3,000~~ operating a vehicle
13 within the boundaries of the township or road district for the
14 purpose of removing snow or ice from a roadway by plowing,
15 sanding, or salting is waived from the requirements of this
16 Section when the employee is needed to operate the vehicle
17 because the employee of the township or road district who
18 ordinarily operates the vehicle and who has a commercial
19 driver's license is unable to operate the vehicle or is in need
20 of additional assistance due to a snow emergency.

21 (c-10) A driver of a commercial motor vehicle used
22 primarily in the transportation of propane winter heating fuel
23 or a driver of a motor vehicle used to respond to a pipeline
24 emergency is waived from the requirements of this Section if
25 such requirements would prevent the driver from responding to
26 an emergency condition requiring immediate response as defined

1 in 49 C.F.R. Part 390.5.

2 (d) Any person convicted of violating this Section, shall
3 be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

4 (e) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (1) of
5 subsection (b) of this Section, shall have all driving
6 privileges revoked by the Secretary of State.

7 (f) This Section shall not apply to:

8 (1) A person who currently holds a valid Illinois
9 driver's license, for the type of vehicle being operated,
10 until the expiration of such license or April 1, 1992,
11 whichever is earlier; or

12 (2) A non-Illinois domiciliary who is properly
13 licensed in another State, until April 1, 1992. A
14 non-Illinois domiciliary, if such domiciliary is properly
15 licensed in another State or foreign jurisdiction, until
16 April 1, 1992.

17 (Source: P.A. 98-176 (see Section 10 of P.A. 98-722 and
18 Section 10 of P.A. 99-414 for the effective date of changes
19 made by P.A. 98-176); 99-57, eff. 7-16-15; 99-607, eff.
20 7-22-16.)