



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB1249

Introduced 1/24/2025, by Sen. Donald P. DeWitte

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/6-104

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-104

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of the Code or any rule adopted under the Code, a nonresident who is employed as a public safety worker may operate in this State an authorized emergency vehicle if the nonresident possesses the license class required by the nonresident's state of residence to operate similar equipment and the nonresident has completed the Fire Service Vehicle Operator program of the Illinois State Fire Marshal.

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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 6-104 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/6-104) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-104)

7 Sec. 6-104. Classification of Driver - Special  
8 Restrictions.

9 (a) A driver's license issued under the authority of this  
10 Act shall indicate the classification for which the applicant  
11 therefor has qualified by examination or by such other means  
12 that the Secretary of State shall prescribe. Driver's license  
13 classifications shall be prescribed by rule or regulation  
14 promulgated by the Secretary of State and such may specify  
15 classifications as to operation of motor vehicles of the first  
16 division, or of those of the second division, whether operated  
17 singly or in lawful combination, and whether for-hire or  
18 not-for-hire, and may specify such other classifications as  
19 the Secretary deems necessary.

20 No person shall operate a motor vehicle unless such person  
21 has a valid license with a proper classification to permit the  
22 operation of such vehicle, except that any person may operate  
23 a moped if such person has a valid current Illinois driver's

1 license, regardless of classification.

2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code or any  
3 rule adopted under this Code, a nonresident who is employed as  
4 a public safety worker, as defined in Section 6-117.2, may  
5 operate in this State an authorized emergency vehicle, as  
6 defined in Section 1-105, if the nonresident possesses the  
7 license class required by the nonresident's state of residence  
8 to operate similar equipment and the nonresident has completed  
9 the Fire Service Vehicle Operator program of the Illinois  
10 State Fire Marshal.

11 (b) No person who is under the age of 21 years or has had  
12 less than 1 year of driving experience shall drive: (1) in  
13 connection with the operation of any school, day camp, summer  
14 camp, or nursery school, any public or private motor vehicle  
15 for transporting children to or from any school, day camp,  
16 summer camp, or nursery school, or (2) any motor vehicle of the  
17 second division when in use for the transportation of persons  
18 for compensation.

19 (c) No person who is under the age of 18 years shall be  
20 issued a license for the purpose of transporting property for  
21 hire, or for the purpose of transporting persons for  
22 compensation in a motor vehicle of the first division.

23 (d) No person shall drive: (1) a school bus when  
24 transporting school children unless such person possesses a  
25 valid school bus driver permit or is accompanied and  
26 supervised, for the specific purpose of training prior to

1 routine operation of a school bus, by a person who has held a  
2 valid school bus driver permit for at least one year; or (2)  
3 any other vehicle owned or operated by or for a public or  
4 private school, or a school operated by a religious  
5 institution, where such vehicle is being used over a regularly  
6 scheduled route for the transportation of persons enrolled as  
7 a student in grade 12 or below, in connection with any activity  
8 of the entities unless such person possesses a valid school  
9 bus driver permit.

10 (d-5) No person may drive a bus that does not meet the  
11 special requirements for school buses provided in Sections  
12 12-801, 12-802, 12-803, and 12-805 of this Code that has been  
13 chartered for the sole purpose of transporting students  
14 regularly enrolled in grade 12 or below to or from  
15 interscholastic athletic or interscholastic or school  
16 sponsored activities unless the person has a valid and  
17 properly classified commercial driver's license as provided in  
18 subsection (c-1) of Section 6-508 of this Code in addition to  
19 any other permit or license that is required to operate that  
20 bus. This subsection (d-5) does not apply to any bus driver  
21 employed by a public transportation provider authorized to  
22 conduct local or interurban transportation of passengers when  
23 the bus is not traveling a specific school bus route but is on  
24 a regularly scheduled route for the transporting of other fare  
25 paying passengers.

26 A person may operate a chartered bus described in this

1 subsection (d-5) if he or she is not disqualified from driving  
2 a chartered bus of that type and if he or she holds a CDL that  
3 is:

4 (1) issued to him or her by any other state or  
5 jurisdiction in accordance with 49 CFR 383;

6 (2) not suspended, revoked, or canceled; and

7 (3) valid under 49 CFR 383, subpart F, for the type of  
8 vehicle being driven.

9 A person may also operate a chartered bus described in  
10 this subsection (d-5) if he or she holds a valid CDL and a  
11 valid school bus driver permit that was issued on or before  
12 December 31, 2003.

13 (e) No person shall drive a religious organization bus  
14 unless such person has a valid and properly classified drivers  
15 license or a valid school bus driver permit.

16 (f) No person shall drive a motor vehicle for the purpose  
17 of providing transportation for the elderly in connection with  
18 the activities of any public or private organization unless  
19 such person has a valid and properly classified driver's  
20 license issued by the Secretary of State.

21 (g) No person shall drive a bus which meets the special  
22 requirements for school buses provided in Section 12-801,  
23 12-802, 12-803 and 12-805 of this Code for the purpose of  
24 transporting persons 18 years of age or less in connection  
25 with any youth camp licensed under the Youth Camp Act or any  
26 child care facility licensed under the Child Care Act of 1969

1 unless such person possesses a valid school bus driver permit  
2 or is accompanied and supervised, for the specific purpose of  
3 training prior to routine operation of a school bus, by a  
4 person who has held a valid school bus driver permit for at  
5 least one year; however, a person who has a valid and properly  
6 classified driver's license issued by the Secretary of State  
7 may operate a school bus for the purpose of transporting  
8 persons 18 years of age or less in connection with any such  
9 youth camp or child care facility if the "SCHOOL BUS" signs are  
10 covered or concealed and the stop signal arm and flashing  
11 signal systems are not operable through normal controls.

12 (h) No person shall operate an autocycle unless he or she  
13 has a valid Class D driver's license.

14 (Source: P.A. 98-777, eff. 1-1-15.)