

HB2049



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB2049

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/6-109

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the re-examination of an applicant for a driver's license or permit who is over the age of 80 shall include, but is not limited to, a written examination no more than once every 4 years and any other examinations required by the Code. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

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 changing
5 Section 6-109 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/6-109)

7 Sec. 6-109. Examination of Applicants.

8 (a) The Secretary of State shall examine every applicant
9 for a driver's license or permit who has not been previously
10 licensed as a driver under the laws of this State or any other
11 state or country, or any applicant for renewal of such driver's
12 license or permit when such license or permit has been expired
13 for more than one year. The Secretary of State shall, subject
14 to the provisions of paragraph (c) or (b-5), examine every
15 licensed driver at least every 8 years, and may examine or
16 re-examine any other applicant or licensed driver, provided
17 that during the years 1984 through 1991 those drivers issued a
18 license for 3 years may be re-examined not less than every 7
19 years or more than every 10 years.

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

1 the orderly administration of all the provisions of this
2 Section.

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

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

14 (b) Except as provided for those applicants in paragraph
15 (c), such examination shall include a test of the applicant's
16 eyesight, his or her ability to read and understand official
17 traffic control devices, his or her knowledge of safe driving
18 practices and the traffic laws of this State, and may include
19 an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise
20 ordinary and reasonable control of the operation of a motor
21 vehicle, and such further physical and mental examination as
22 the Secretary of State finds necessary to determine the
23 applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely on the
24 highways, except the examination of an applicant 75 years of
25 age or older shall include an actual demonstration of the
26 applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable

1 control of the operation of a motor vehicle. All portions of
2 written and verbal examinations under this Section, excepting
3 where the English language appears on facsimiles of road signs,
4 may be given in the Spanish language and, at the discretion of
5 the Secretary of State, in any other language as well as in
6 English upon request of the examinee. Deaf persons who are
7 otherwise qualified are not prohibited from being issued a
8 license, other than a commercial driver's license, under this
9 Code.

10 (b-5) Except as provided for those applicants in paragraph
11 (c), re-examination of applicants who at the time of renewing
12 their driver's license are over the age of 80 shall include,
13 but is not limited to, a written examination no more than once
14 every 4 years and any other examinations required under this
15 Section.

16 (c) Re-examination for those applicants who at the time of
17 renewing their driver's license possess a driving record devoid
18 of any convictions of traffic violations or evidence of
19 committing an offense for which mandatory revocation would be
20 required upon conviction pursuant to Section 6-205 at the time
21 of renewal shall be in a manner prescribed by the Secretary in
22 order to determine an applicant's ability to safely operate a
23 motor vehicle, except that every applicant for the renewal of a
24 driver's license who is 75 years of age or older must prove, by
25 an actual demonstration, the applicant's ability to exercise
26 reasonable care in the safe operation of a motor vehicle.

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

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

11 (Source: P.A. 100-770, eff. 1-1-19; 100-962, eff. 1-1-19;
12 revised 10-3-18.)

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