

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 Sections 2-112 and 6-109 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/2-112) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 2-112)

7 Sec. 2-112. Distribution of synopsis laws.

8 (a) The Secretary of State may publish a synopsis or  
9 summary of the laws of this State regulating the operation of  
10 vehicles and may deliver a copy thereof without charge with  
11 each original vehicle registration and with each original  
12 driver's license.

13 (b) The Secretary of State shall make any necessary  
14 revisions in its publications including, but not limited to,  
15 the Illinois Rules of the Road, to accurately conform its  
16 publications to the provisions of the Pedestrians with  
17 Disabilities Safety Act.

18 (c) The Secretary of State shall include, in the Illinois  
19 Rules of the Road publication, information advising drivers to  
20 use the Dutch Reach method when opening a vehicle door after  
21 parallel parking on a street (checking the rear-view mirror,  
22 checking the side-view mirror, then opening the door with the  
23 right hand, thereby reducing the risk of injuring a bicyclist

1 or opening the door in the path a vehicle approaching from  
2 behind).

3 (d) The Secretary of State shall include, in each  
4 registration renewal notice, information advising drivers to  
5 abide by subsection (c) of Section 11-907 of this Code when  
6 approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle.

7 (Source: P.A. 100-770, eff. 1-1-19; 100-962, eff. 1-1-19.)

8 (625 ILCS 5/6-109)

9 Sec. 6-109. Examination of Applicants.

10 (a) The Secretary of State shall examine every applicant  
11 for a driver's license or permit who has not been previously  
12 licensed as a driver under the laws of this State or any other  
13 state or country, or any applicant for renewal of such driver's  
14 license or permit when such license or permit has been expired  
15 for more than one year. The Secretary of State shall, subject  
16 to the provisions of paragraph (c), examine every licensed  
17 driver at least every 8 years, and may examine or re-examine  
18 any other applicant or licensed driver, provided that during  
19 the years 1984 through 1991 those drivers issued a license for  
20 3 years may be re-examined not less than every 7 years or more  
21 than every 10 years.

22 The Secretary of State shall require the testing of the  
23 eyesight of any driver's license or permit applicant who has  
24 not been previously licensed as a driver under the laws of this  
25 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 The Secretary of State shall include, in the question pool  
15 used for the written portion of the driver's license  
16 examination, test questions concerning safe driving when  
17 approaching authorized emergency vehicles, as described in  
18 Section 11-907.

19 (b) Except as provided for those applicants in paragraph  
20 (c), such examination shall include a test of the applicant's  
21 eyesight, his or her ability to read and understand official  
22 traffic control devices, his or her knowledge of safe driving  
23 practices and the traffic laws of this State, and may include  
24 an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise  
25 ordinary and reasonable control of the operation of a motor  
26 vehicle, and such further physical and mental examination as

1 the Secretary of State finds necessary to determine the  
2 applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely on the  
3 highways, except the examination of an applicant 75 years of  
4 age or older shall include an actual demonstration of the  
5 applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable  
6 control of the operation of a motor vehicle. All portions of  
7 written and verbal examinations under this Section, excepting  
8 where the English language appears on facsimiles of road signs,  
9 may be given in the Spanish language and, at the discretion of  
10 the Secretary of State, in any other language as well as in  
11 English upon request of the examinee. Deaf persons who are  
12 otherwise qualified are not prohibited from being issued a  
13 license, other than a commercial driver's license, under this  
14 Code.

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

26 (d) In the event the applicant is not ineligible under the

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

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

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