



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-24.2  
625 ILCS 5/11-1420

from Ch. 122, par. 27-24.2  
from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1420

Amends the School Code. Requires that a driver education course shall include classroom instruction on the safety rules concerning funeral processions. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires (instead of permits) the lead vehicle and the final vehicle (instead of only the lead vehicle) in the funeral procession to be equipped with a flashing amber light which may be used only when such vehicle is used as a lead or final vehicle in such procession. Requires (instead of permits) vehicles comprising a funeral procession to utilize funeral pennants, flags, and stickers on either the side or back window of the vehicle. Requires vehicles comprising a funeral procession to drive with flashing hazard warning signal flashers to identify the individual vehicles in such a procession. Provides that a hearse shall be used as part of all funeral processions.

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1 AN ACT concerning vehicles.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 27-24.2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-24.2) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-24.2)

7 Sec. 27-24.2. Driver education course. Any school district  
8 which maintains grades 9 through 12 shall offer a driver  
9 education course in any such school which it operates. Both the  
10 classroom instruction part and the practice driving part of  
11 such driver education course shall be open to a resident or  
12 non-resident pupil attending a non-public school in the  
13 district wherein the course is offered and to each resident of  
14 the district who acquires or holds a currently valid driver's  
15 license during the term of the course and who is at least 15  
16 but has not reached 21 years of age, without regard to whether  
17 any such person is enrolled in any other course offered in any  
18 school that the district operates. Each student attending any  
19 public or non-public high school in the district must receive a  
20 passing grade in at least 8 courses during the previous 2  
21 semesters prior to enrolling in a driver education course, or  
22 the student shall not be permitted to enroll in the course;  
23 provided that the local superintendent of schools (with respect

1 to a student attending a public high school in the district) or  
2 chief school administrator (with respect to a student attending  
3 a non-public high school in the district) may waive the  
4 requirement if the superintendent or chief school  
5 administrator, as the case may be, deems it to be in the best  
6 interest of the student. Any school district required to offer  
7 a driver education course or courses as provided in this  
8 Section also is authorized to offer either the classroom  
9 instruction part or the practice driving part or both such  
10 parts of a driver education course to any resident of the  
11 district who is over age 55; provided that any such school  
12 district which elects to offer either or both parts of such  
13 course to such residents shall be entitled to make either or  
14 both parts of such course available to such residents at any  
15 attendance center or centers within the district designated by  
16 the school board; and provided further that no part of any such  
17 driver education course shall be offered to any resident of the  
18 district over age 55 unless space therein remains available  
19 after all persons to whom such part of the driver education  
20 course is required to be open as provided in this Section and  
21 who have requested such course have registered therefor, and  
22 unless such resident of the district over age 55 is a person  
23 who has not previously been licensed as a driver under the laws  
24 of this or any other state or country. However, a student may  
25 be allowed to commence the classroom instruction part of such  
26 driver education course prior to reaching age 15 if such

1 student then will be eligible to complete the entire course  
2 within 12 months after being allowed to commence such classroom  
3 instruction.

4 Such a driver education course shall include classroom  
5 instruction on distracted driving as a major traffic safety  
6 issue. Such a driver education course may include classroom  
7 instruction on the safety rules and operation of motorcycles or  
8 motor driven cycles. Such a driver education course shall  
9 include classroom instruction on the safety rules concerning  
10 funeral processions.

11 Such a course may be commenced immediately after the  
12 completion of a prior course. Teachers of such courses shall  
13 meet the certification requirements of this Act and regulations  
14 of the State Board as to qualifications.

15 (Source: P.A. 95-339, eff. 8-21-07.)

16 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
17 changing Section 11-1420 as follows:

18 (625 ILCS 5/11-1420) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1420)

19 Sec. 11-1420. Funeral processions.

20 (a) Funeral processions have the right-of-way at  
21 intersections when vehicles comprising such procession have  
22 their headlights lighted, subject to the following conditions  
23 and exceptions:

24 1. Operators of vehicles in a funeral procession shall

1 yield the right-of-way upon the approach of an authorized  
2 emergency vehicle giving an audible or visible signal;

3 2. Operators of vehicles in a funeral procession shall  
4 yield the right-of-way when directed to do so by a traffic  
5 officer;

6 3. The operator of the leading vehicle in a funeral  
7 procession shall comply with stop signs and traffic control  
8 signals but when the leading vehicle has proceeded across  
9 an intersection in accordance with such signal or after  
10 stopping as required by the stop sign, all vehicles in such  
11 procession may proceed without stopping, regardless of the  
12 sign or signal and the leading vehicle and the vehicles in  
13 procession shall proceed with due caution.

14 (b) The operator of a vehicle not in the funeral procession  
15 shall not drive his vehicle in the funeral procession except  
16 when authorized to do so by a traffic officer or when such  
17 vehicle is an authorized emergency vehicle giving audible or  
18 visible signal.

19 (c) Operators of vehicles not a part of a funeral  
20 procession may not form a procession or convoy and have their  
21 headlights lighted for the purpose of securing the right-of-way  
22 granted by this Section to funeral processions.

23 (d) The operator of a vehicle not in a funeral procession  
24 may overtake and pass the vehicles in such procession if such  
25 overtaking and passing can be accomplished without causing a  
26 traffic hazard or interfering with such procession.

1           (e) The lead vehicle and the final vehicle in the funeral  
2 procession shall ~~may~~ be equipped with a flashing amber light  
3 which may be used only when such vehicle is used as a lead or  
4 final vehicle in such procession. Vehicles comprising a funeral  
5 procession shall ~~may~~ utilize funeral pennants, ~~or~~ flags, and ~~or~~  
6 ~~windshield~~ stickers on either the side or back window of the  
7 vehicle. Vehicles comprising a funeral procession shall drive  
8 with ~~or~~ flashing hazard warning signal flashers to identify the  
9 individual vehicles in such a procession.

10           (f) A hearse shall be used as part of all funeral  
11 processions.

12           (Source: P.A. 90-58, eff. 1-1-98.)