



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB5486

Introduced 2/5/2010, by Rep. Renée Kosel

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 55/5

Amends the Taxi Safety Act of 2007. Provides that a taxi driver must be 21 years of age or older, must have a valid driver's license issued by any state in the United States, must have had a valid driver's license for at least 3 years, and must not have been convicted of certain offenses during the immediately preceding 3-year period. Also provides that if he or she, after becoming a taxi driver, is convicted of any of those offenses or ceases to be licensed, the taxi driver must immediately cease operating a taxicab and the prohibition shall continue until specified conditions are met. Effective July 1, 2011.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

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 Taxi Safety Act of 2007 is amended by  
5 changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 55/5)

7 Sec. 5. Requirements for the operation of taxicabs.

8 (a) The taxi driver's picture, the taxi driver's license or  
9 registration number, and the taxicab medallion number or an  
10 exterior identification number must be posted in a visible  
11 location in each cab.

12 (b) There must be posted in a visible location in each  
13 taxicab a telephone number for a passenger to call if the taxi  
14 driver is operating the taxicab in a reckless manner.

15 (c) If a taxi driver collides with a pedestrian while  
16 operating a taxicab, resulting in bodily injury, then any  
17 responding law enforcement officers must test the taxi driver  
18 for drug and alcohol use.

19 (d) A taxi driver must meet all of the following minimum  
20 requirements, as well as any additional requirements imposed by  
21 a unit of local government:

22 (1) The taxi driver must be 21 years of age or older.

23 (2) The taxi driver must have a valid driver's license

1 issued by any state in the United States.

2 (3) The taxi driver must have had a valid driver's  
3 license during the immediately preceding 3-year period.  
4 After becoming a taxi driver, if the taxi driver ceases to  
5 have a valid driver's license, the taxi driver must  
6 immediately cease operating a taxicab, and the prohibition  
7 shall continue until a period of 3 years has elapsed during  
8 which the taxi driver has had a valid driver's license.

9 (4) The taxi driver must not have been convicted of any  
10 of the following offenses during the immediately preceding  
11 3-year period: Section 11-401 (leaving the scene of a  
12 traffic accident involving death or personal injury),  
13 11-501 (driving under the influence), 11-503 (reckless  
14 driving), 11-504 (drag racing), or 11-506 (street racing)  
15 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, or Section 9-3 (manslaughter  
16 or reckless homicide) or 12-5 (reckless conduct arising  
17 from the use of a motor vehicle) of the Criminal Code of  
18 1961. After becoming a taxi driver, if the taxi driver is  
19 convicted of any of the offenses specified in this  
20 subdivision (4), the taxi driver must immediately cease  
21 operating a taxicab, and the prohibition shall continue  
22 until a period of 3 years has elapsed during which the taxi  
23 driver has not been convicted of any of the offenses  
24 specified in this subdivision (4).

25 (Source: P.A. 95-598, eff. 6-1-08.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,

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