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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/6-109

625 ILCS 5/6-207

625 ILCS 5/6-911

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-207

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-911

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires every applicant for the renewal of a driver's license who is 79 years or older to renew in person. Requires every applicant for the renewal of a driver's license who is 87 years of age or or who is 75 years of age or older and holds a commercial driver's license to prove, by an actual demonstration, the applicant's ability to exercise reasonable care in the safe operation of a motor vehicle. Allows an immediate family member to submit information to the Secretary of State relative to the medical condition of a person if the condition interferes with the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely. Requires information to be submitted in writing in a manner and form approved by the Secretary and shall include the name of the person submitting the information. Prohibits the Secretary from accepting or acting on anonymous reports. Makes other changes. Effective July 1, 2026.

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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 Sections 6-109, 6-207, and 6-911 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  
12 driver's license or permit when such license or permit has  
13 been expired for more than one year. The Secretary of State  
14 shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (c), examine  
15 every licensed driver at least every 8 years, and may examine  
16 or 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

1 for 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 license examination within one  
7 year after July 22, 2010 (the effective date of Public Act  
8 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, at least one test question concerning driver  
17 responsibilities when approaching a stationary emergency  
18 vehicle as described in Section 11-907. If an applicant gives  
19 an incorrect response to a test question concerning subsection  
20 (c) of Section 11-907, Section 11-907.5, or subsection (a-1)  
21 of Section 11-908, then the Secretary of State shall provide  
22 the applicant with information concerning those Sections.

23 (b) Except as provided for those applicants in paragraph  
24 (c), such examination shall include a test of the applicant's  
25 eyesight, his or her ability to read and understand official  
26 traffic control devices, his or her knowledge of safe driving

1 practices and the traffic laws of this State, and may include  
2 an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise  
3 ordinary and reasonable control of the operation of a motor  
4 vehicle, and such further physical and mental examination as  
5 the Secretary of State finds necessary to determine the  
6 applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely on the  
7 highways, except the examination of an applicant 75 years of  
8 age or older or, if the Secretary adopts rules under Section 37  
9 of the Secretary of State Act to raise the age requirement for  
10 actual demonstrations, the examination of an applicant who has  
11 attained that increased age or is older shall include an  
12 actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise  
13 ordinary and reasonable control of the operation of a motor  
14 vehicle. All portions of written and verbal examinations under  
15 this Section, excepting where the English language appears on  
16 facsimiles of road signs, may be given in the Spanish language  
17 and, at the discretion of the Secretary of State, in any other  
18 language as well as in English upon request of the examinee.  
19 Deaf persons who are otherwise qualified are not prohibited  
20 from being issued a license, other than a commercial driver's  
21 license, under this Code.

22 (c) Re-examination for those applicants who at the time of  
23 renewing their driver's license possess a driving record  
24 devoid of any convictions of traffic violations or evidence of  
25 committing an offense for which mandatory revocation would be  
26 required upon conviction pursuant to Section 6-205 at the time

1 of renewal shall be in a manner prescribed by the Secretary in  
2 order to determine an applicant's ability to safely operate a  
3 motor vehicle, except that every applicant for the renewal of  
4 a driver's license who is 79 75 years of age or older must  
5 renew in person, and ~~or, if the Secretary adopts rules under~~  
6 ~~Section 37 of the Secretary of State Act to raise the age~~  
7 ~~requirement for actual demonstrations,~~ every applicant for the  
8 renewal of a driver's license who is 87 years of age or has  
9 ~~attained that increased age or is older~~ or who is 75 years of  
10 age or older and holds a commercial driver's license must  
11 prove, by an actual demonstration, the applicant's ability to  
12 exercise reasonable care in the safe operation of a motor  
13 vehicle.

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

21 (e) The Secretary of State may adopt rules regarding the  
22 use of foreign language interpreters during the application  
23 and examination process.

24 (Source: P.A. 103-140, eff. 6-30-23; 103-680, eff. 1-1-25.)

25 (625 ILCS 5/6-207) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-207)

1           Sec. 6-207. Secretary of State may require reexamination  
2 or reissuance of a license.

3           (a) The Secretary of State, having good cause to believe  
4 that a licensed driver or person holding a permit or applying  
5 for a license or license renewal is incompetent or otherwise  
6 not qualified to hold a license or permit, may upon written  
7 notice of at least 5 days to the person require the person to  
8 submit to an examination, including, but not limited to, a  
9 physical, mental, or driving examination, as prescribed by the  
10 Secretary.

11           Refusal or neglect of the person to submit an alcohol,  
12 drug, or intoxicating compound evaluation or submit to or  
13 failure to successfully complete the examination is grounds  
14 for suspension of the person's license or permit under Section  
15 6-206 of this Act or cancellation of his license or permit  
16 under Section 6-201 of this Act.

17           (b) The Secretary of State, having issued a driver's  
18 license or permit in error, may upon written notice of at least  
19 5 days to the person, require the person to appear at a Driver  
20 Services facility to have the license or permit error  
21 corrected and a new license or permit issued.

22           Refusal or neglect of the person to appear is grounds for  
23 cancellation of the person's license or permit under Section  
24 6-201 of this Act.

25           (c) The Secretary of State, having issued a driver's  
26 license or permit to a person who subsequently becomes

1 ineligible to retain that license or permit as currently  
2 issued, may, upon written notice of at least 5 days to the  
3 person, require the person to appear at a Driver Services  
4 facility to have the license or permit corrected and a new  
5 license or permit issued.

6 (d) The Secretary of State, having good cause to believe  
7 that a driver's license or permit was issued based on invalid,  
8 fictitious, or fraudulent documents, may upon written notice  
9 of at least 5 days require the person to appear at a Driver  
10 Services facility to present valid documents for verification  
11 of identity. Refusal or neglect of the person to appear shall  
12 result in cancellation of the person's license or permit.

13 (e) Under 49 C.F.R. 383.73, if the Secretary of State  
14 receives credible information that a CLP or CDL was issued and  
15 fraud was committed relating to the issuance of the CLP or CDL,  
16 the Secretary shall require the CLP or CDL holder to re-submit  
17 to all testing required for the issuance of the CLP or CDL  
18 (written, pre-trip, skills, and road exams). Upon written  
19 notification by the Secretary, the holder shall have 5 days to  
20 submit to re-examination. Failure to appear or successfully  
21 complete the examination shall result in the cancellation of  
22 the CLP or CDL under Section 6-201 of this Act.

23 (f) The Secretary of State may adopt rules to implement  
24 this Section.

25 (Source: P.A. 97-229, eff. 7-28-11; 98-176 (see Section 10 of  
26 P.A. 98-722 and Section 10 of P.A. 99-414 for the effective

1 date of changes made by P.A. 98-176).)

2 (625 ILCS 5/6-911) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-911)

3 Sec. 6-911. Information submitted by medical  
4 practitioners; police officers; State's attorneys; ~~or~~ members  
5 of the judiciary; or immediate family members. Any qualified  
6 medical practitioner, commissioned police officer, State's  
7 attorney, ~~or~~ member of the judiciary acting in his or her  
8 official capacity, or immediate family member may submit  
9 information to the Secretary relative to the medical condition  
10 of a person, including suspected chronic alcoholism or  
11 habitual use of narcotics or dangerous drugs, if the condition  
12 interferes with the person's ability to operate a motor  
13 vehicle safely. Persons reporting under this Section shall  
14 enjoy the same immunities granted members of the Board under  
15 Section 6-910. Information must be submitted in writing in a  
16 manner and form approved by the Secretary and shall include  
17 the name of the person submitting the information. The  
18 Secretary may not accept or act on anonymous reports. The  
19 information submitted pursuant to this Section is confidential  
20 under Sections 2-123 and 6-908 of this Code.

21 For purposes of this Section, "immediate family member"  
22 means spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling, or child.

23 (Source: P.A. 87-1249.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
25 2026.