

AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Sections 11-709.2 and 11-709.3 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/11-709.2)

Sec. 11-709.2. Bus on shoulder ~~pilot~~ program.

(a) ~~The~~ For purposes of this Section, "bus on shoulders" is ~~the~~ use of specifically designated shoulders of roadways by ~~authorized~~ transit buses may be authorized by ~~. The shoulders may be used by transit buses at times and locations as set by~~ the Department in cooperation with the Regional Transportation Authority and the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority. The Department shall prescribe by rule which transit buses are authorized to operate on shoulders, as well as times and locations. The Department may erect signage to indicate times and locations of designated shoulder usage.

(b) (Blank) ~~Commencing on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, the Department along with the Regional Transportation Authority and Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority in cooperation with the Illinois State Police shall establish a~~

~~5-year pilot program within the boundaries of the Regional Transportation Authority for transit buses on highways and shoulders. The pilot program may be implemented on shoulders of highways as designated by the Department in cooperation with the Regional Transportation Authority and Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority. The Department may adopt rules necessary for transit buses to use roadway shoulders.~~

(c) (Blank) ~~After the pilot program established under subsection (b) of this Section has been operating for 2 years, the Department in cooperation with the Regional Transit Authority, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority, and the Illinois State Police shall issue a report to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of the bus on shoulders pilot program.~~

(Source: P.A. 97-292, eff. 8-11-11; revised 11-19-13.)

(625 ILCS 5/11-709.3)

Sec. 11-709.3. Transit buses on shoulders - toll highways. The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority may allow transit buses to use the shoulders of highways under its jurisdiction ~~as part of the bus on shoulder pilot program under Section 11-709.2 of this Code.~~

(Source: P.A. 97-292, eff. 8-11-11.)

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