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620 ILCS 15/1	from Ch. 15 1/2, par. 187
620 ILCS 15/7.5 new	
625 ILCS 5/1-148.5b new	
625 ILCS 5/1-177.2 new	
625 ILCS 5/3-102	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-102
625 ILCS 5/3-401.7 new	
625 ILCS 5/3-405.35 new	
625 ILCS 5/3-412	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-412
625 ILCS 5/3-413	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413
625 ILCS 5/11-201.5 new	
625 ILCS 5/13-101	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 13-101
625 ILCS 5/13C-15	

Amends the Aircraft Landing and Taking Off Restriction Act. Defines "roadable aircraft". Provides that roadable aircraft shall be required to take off and land from a suitable airstrip and shall be prohibited from taking off and landing from any public roadway, unless under conditions of an emergency. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "N-Number license markings" as markings assigned by the Federal Aviation Administration to identify roadable aircraft. Defines "roadable aircraft" as any aircraft capable of taking off and landing from a suitable airfield that is also designed to be driven on public roadways as a conveyance. Provides that a roadable aircraft shall be considered a motor vehicle while in operation on the roadways of the State. Exempts roadable aircraft from certificate of title requirements. Provides that the Secretary of State shall authorize the issuance of license plates of a suitable size that are specific to roadable aircraft and that bear the N-Number of the vehicle. Provides that roadable aircraft shall be identified using the federally issued tail number and may, but shall not be required to, display an additional license plate. Provides that roadable aircraft shall be issued one annual registration sticker and provides for the display of the registration sticker. Exempts roadable aircraft from motor vehicle inspection requirements.

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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 Aircraft Landing and Taking Off Restriction
5 Act is amended by changing Section 1 and by adding Section 7.5
6 as follows:

7 (620 ILCS 15/1) (from Ch. 15 1/2, par. 187)

8 Sec. 1. For the purposes of this Act, the term:

9 (a) "public airport" means any airport owned or operated
10 by the State of Illinois, or by any municipal corporation or
11 political subdivision of this state, which is used or intended
12 for use by public, commercial and private aircraft and by
13 persons owning, managing, operating or desiring to use,
14 inspect or repair any such aircraft or to use any such airport
15 for aeronautical purposes.

16 (b) "individual charged with the responsibility of
17 grounding aircraft" means a person who is regularly in the
18 employ of a public airport in a managerial or operational
19 position who has been specifically authorized by the governing
20 body of the municipality which owns or operates the public
21 airport to exercise the powers conferred by this Act.

22 (c) "roadable aircraft" means any aircraft capable of
23 taking off and landing from a suitable airfield which is also

1 designed to be driven on public roadways as a conveyance.

2 (Source: Laws 1957, p. 1294)

3 (620 ILCS 15/7.5 new)

4 Sec. 7.5. Roadable aircraft. All roadable aircraft shall
5 be required to take off and land from a suitable airstrip and
6 shall be prohibited from taking off and landing from any
7 public roadway unless under conditions of an emergency. All
8 roadable aircraft shall be considered motor vehicles while in
9 operation on the roadways of the State. The operation of
10 roadable aircraft shall be subject to restrictions placed upon
11 the use of public roadways by rules adopted by the Department
12 of Transportation.

13 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
14 changing Sections 3-102, 3-412, 3-413, 13-101, and 13C-15 and
15 by adding Sections 1-148.5b, 1-177.2, 3-401.7, 3-405.35, and
16 11-201.5 as follows:

17 (625 ILCS 5/1-148.5b new)

18 Sec. 1-148.5b. N-Number license markings. N-Number license
19 markings are markings assigned by the Federal Aviation
20 Administration to identify roadable aircraft.

21 (625 ILCS 5/1-177.2 new)

22 Sec. 1-177.2. Roadable aircraft. Any aircraft capable of

1 taking off and landing from a suitable airfield that is also
2 designed to be driven on public roadways as a conveyance.

3 (625 ILCS 5/3-102) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-102)

4 Sec. 3-102. Exclusions. No certificate of title need be
5 obtained for:

6 1. a vehicle owned by the State of Illinois; or a
7 vehicle owned by the United States unless it is registered
8 in this State;

9 2. a vehicle owned by a manufacturer or dealer and
10 held for sale, even though incidentally moved on the
11 highway or used for purposes of testing or demonstration,
12 provided a dealer reassignment area is still available on
13 the manufacturer's certificate of origin or the Illinois
14 title; or a vehicle used by a manufacturer solely for
15 testing;

16 3. a vehicle owned by a non-resident of this State and
17 not required by law to be registered in this State;

18 4. a motor vehicle regularly engaged in the interstate
19 transportation of persons or property for which a
20 currently effective certificate of title has been issued
21 in another State;

22 5. a vehicle moved solely by animal power;

23 6. an implement of husbandry;

24 7. special mobile equipment;

25 8. an apportionable trailer or an apportionable

1 semitrailer registered in the State prior to April 1,
2 1998;

3 9. a manufactured home for which an affidavit of
4 affixation has been recorded pursuant to the Conveyance
5 and Encumbrance of Manufactured Homes as Real Property and
6 Severance Act unless with respect to the same manufactured
7 home there has been recorded an affidavit of severance
8 pursuant to that Act;

9 10. low-speed electric scooters; ~~or-~~

10 11. a roadable aircraft as defined in Section 1-777.2.

11 (Source: P.A. 103-899, eff. 8-9-24.)

12 (625 ILCS 5/3-401.7 new)

13 Sec. 3-401.7. Roadable aircraft registration plates. The
14 Secretary of State shall authorize the issuance of license
15 plates of a suitable size that are specific to roadable
16 aircraft and that bear the N-Number of the vehicle.

17 (625 ILCS 5/3-405.35 new)

18 Sec. 3-405.35. Application for roadable aircraft.

19 (a) Upon receipt of an application for registration of a
20 roadable aircraft and payment of applicable fees, the
21 Secretary of State shall issue a certificate of registration
22 to the owner of a roadable aircraft if the application is
23 accompanied by the following:

24 (i) proof of valid and unexpired aircraft registration

1 issued by the Department; and

2 (ii) a copy of an annual aircraft inspection completed
3 within the 12 calendar months immediately preceding the
4 date of application.

5 (b) Roadable aircraft shall be identified using a
6 federally issued tail number and shall not be required to
7 display an additional license plate or decal. The Secretary of
8 State shall issue a motorcycle-sized license plate to each
9 roadable aircraft owner with a license plate number matching
10 the federally issued tail number but the display of the
11 license plate shall be at the discretion of the roadable
12 aircraft owner.

13 (c) The expiration date of a certificate issued pursuant
14 to this Section shall match the expiration of the aircraft
15 registration issued by the Department.

16 (d) The fees for registration of roadable aircraft shall
17 be comprised of the following:

18 (1) the fee prescribed by Section 42 of the Illinois
19 Aeronautics Act, payable to the Department under that Act;
20 and

21 (2) for original issuance, \$15, which shall be
22 deposited into the Secretary of State Special License
23 Plate Fund; or

24 (3) for each registration renewal period, \$2, which
25 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special
26 License Plate Fund.

1 (625 ILCS 5/3-412) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-412)

2 Sec. 3-412. Registration plates or digital registration
3 plates and registration stickers or digital registration
4 stickers to be furnished by the Secretary of State.

5 (a) The Secretary of State upon registering a vehicle
6 subject to annual registration for the first time shall issue
7 or shall cause to be issued to the owner one registration plate
8 or digital registration plate for a motorcycle, trailer,
9 semitrailer, moped, autocycle, or truck-tractor, 2
10 registration plates, or a digital registration plate and metal
11 plate as set forth in Section 3-401.5, for other motor
12 vehicles and, where applicable, current registration stickers
13 or digital registration stickers for motor vehicles of the
14 first division. The provisions of this Section may be made
15 applicable to such vehicles of the second division, as the
16 Secretary of State may, from time to time, in his discretion
17 designate. On subsequent annual registrations during the term
18 of the registration plate or digital registration plate as
19 provided in Section 3-414.1, the Secretary shall issue or
20 cause to be issued registration stickers or digital
21 registration stickers as evidence of current registration.
22 However, the issuance of annual registration stickers or
23 digital registration stickers to vehicles registered under the
24 provisions of Sections 3-402.1 and 3-405.3 of this Code may
25 not be required if the Secretary deems the issuance

1 unnecessary.

2 (b) Every registration plate or digital registration plate
3 shall have displayed upon it the registration number assigned
4 to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of this State,
5 which may be abbreviated, the year number for which it was
6 issued, which may be abbreviated, the phrase "Land of Lincoln"
7 (except as otherwise provided in this Code), and such other
8 letters or numbers as the Secretary may prescribe. However,
9 for apportionment plates issued to vehicles registered under
10 Section 3-402.1 and fleet plates issued to vehicles registered
11 under Section 3-405.3, the phrase "Land of Lincoln" may be
12 omitted to allow for the word "apportioned", the word "fleet",
13 or other similar language to be displayed. Registration plates
14 or digital registration plates issued to a vehicle registered
15 as a fleet vehicle may display a designation determined by the
16 Secretary.

17 The Secretary may in his discretion prescribe that letters
18 be used as prefixes only on registration plates or digital
19 registration plates issued to vehicles of the first division
20 which are registered under this Code and only as suffixes on
21 registration plates or digital registration plates issued to
22 other vehicles. Every registration sticker or digital
23 registration sticker issued as evidence of current
24 registration shall designate the year number for which it is
25 issued and such other letters or numbers as the Secretary may
26 prescribe and shall be of a contrasting color with the

1 registration plates or digital registration plates and
2 registration stickers or digital registration stickers of the
3 previous year.

4 (c) Each registration plate or digital registration plate
5 and the required letters and numerals thereon, except the year
6 number for which issued, shall be of sufficient size to be
7 plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight,
8 and shall be coated with reflectorizing material. The
9 dimensions of the plate issued to vehicles of the first
10 division shall be 6 by 12 inches.

11 (d) The Secretary of State shall issue for every passenger
12 motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type of
13 registration plates or digital registration plates as the type
14 of plates issued for a private passenger vehicle.

15 (e) The Secretary of State shall issue for every passenger
16 car used as a taxicab or livery, distinctive registration
17 plates or digital registration plates.

18 (f) The Secretary of State shall issue for every
19 motorcycle distinctive registration plates or digital
20 registration plates distinguishing between motorcycles having
21 150 or more cubic centimeters piston displacement, or having
22 less than 150 cubic centimeter piston displacement.

23 (g) Registration plates or digital registration plates
24 issued to vehicles for-hire may display a designation as
25 determined by the Secretary that such vehicles are for-hire.

26 (h) (Blank).

1 (i) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public
2 and private ambulance registration plates or digital
3 registration plates identifying the vehicle as an ambulance.
4 The Secretary shall forward to the Department of Healthcare
5 and Family Services registration information for the purpose
6 of verification of claims filed with the Department by
7 ambulance owners for payment for services to public assistance
8 recipients.

9 (j) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public
10 and private medical carrier or rescue vehicle livery
11 registration plates or digital registration plates displaying
12 numbers within ranges of numbers reserved respectively for
13 medical carriers and rescue vehicles. The Secretary shall
14 forward to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services
15 registration information for the purpose of verification of
16 claims filed with the Department by owners of medical carriers
17 or rescue vehicles for payment for services to public
18 assistance recipients.

19 (k) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive license
20 plates or digital registration plates or distinctive license
21 plate stickers or digital registration stickers for every
22 vehicle exempted from subsections (a) and (a-5) of Section
23 12-503 by subsection (g) of that Section, and by subsection
24 (g-5) of that Section before its deletion by this amendatory
25 Act of the 95th General Assembly. The Secretary shall issue
26 these plates or stickers immediately upon receiving the

1 physician's certification required under subsection (g) of
2 Section 12-503. New plates or stickers shall also be issued
3 when the certification is renewed as provided in that
4 subsection.

5 (l) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive
6 registration plates or digital registration plates for
7 low-speed vehicles.

8 (m) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive
9 registration plates or digital registration plates for
10 autocycles. The dimensions of the plate issued to autocycles
11 shall be 4 by 7 inches.

12 (n) The Secretary of State shall issue distinctive
13 registration plates or digital registration plates for
14 roadable aircraft. The dimensions of the plate issued to
15 autocycles shall be 4 by 7 inches. The Secretary shall issue
16 one annual registration sticker to the owner of a roadable
17 aircraft.

18 (Source: P.A. 101-395, eff. 8-16-19.)

19 (625 ILCS 5/3-413) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-413)

20 Sec. 3-413. Display of registration plates or digital
21 registration plates, registration stickers or digital
22 registration stickers, and drive-away permits; registration
23 plate or digital registration plate covers.

24 (a) Registration plates or digital registration plates
25 issued for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, autocycle,

1 trailer, semitrailer, truck-tractor, apportioned bus, or
2 apportioned truck shall be attached thereto, one in the
3 frontmost and one in the rearmost. The registration plate or
4 digital registration plate issued for a motorcycle, autocycle,
5 trailer or semitrailer required to be registered hereunder and
6 any apportionment plate issued to a bus under the provisions
7 of this Code shall be attached to the rearmost thereof. The
8 registration plate or digital registration plate issued for a
9 truck-tractor or an apportioned truck required to be
10 registered hereunder shall be attached to the frontmost
11 thereof.

12 (b) Except for vehicles with rear loaded motorized
13 forklifts, every registration plate or digital registration
14 plate shall at all times be securely fastened in a horizontal
15 position to the vehicle for which it is issued so as to prevent
16 the plate from swinging and at a height of not less than 5
17 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such
18 plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible and shall
19 be maintained in a condition to be clearly legible, free from
20 any materials that would obstruct the visibility of the plate.
21 A registration plate or digital registration plate on a
22 motorcycle may be mounted vertically as long as it is
23 otherwise clearly visible. Registration stickers or digital
24 registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed annual
25 registration shall be attached to registration plates or
26 displayed on digital registration plates as required by the

1 Secretary of State, and be clearly visible at all times and
2 displayed as prescribed in subsection (k). For those vehicles
3 with rear loaded motorized forklifts, if the rear plate is
4 securely fastened in a horizontal position as prescribed, the
5 plate and registration sticker shall not be required to be
6 clearly visible at all times as a result of the rear mounted
7 motorized forklift obstructing the view.

8 (b-5) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the display of the
9 registration plate for a roadable aircraft is within the
10 discretion of the owner of the roadable aircraft. The
11 registration sticker for the roadable aircraft shall be
12 affixed to the left tail section of the roadable aircraft in a
13 visible area.

14 (b-10) Roadable aircraft with no safe location to display
15 a registration plate and with visible N-Number license
16 markings may forgo the display of a rear registration plate.
17 Any issued registration stickers may be placed adjacent to the
18 N-Number license markings on the driver's side of the hull.

19 (c) Every drive-away permit issued pursuant to this Code
20 shall be firmly attached to the motor vehicle in the manner
21 prescribed by the Secretary of State. If a drive-away permit
22 is affixed to a motor vehicle in any other manner the permit
23 shall be void and of no effect.

24 (d) The Illinois prorated decal issued to a foreign
25 registered vehicle part of a fleet prorated or apportioned
26 with Illinois, shall be displayed on a registration plate or

1 digital registration plate and displayed on the frontmost of
2 such vehicle in the same manner as an Illinois registration
3 plate or digital registration plate.

4 (e) The registration plate or digital registration plate
5 issued for a camper body mounted on a truck displaying
6 registration plates or digital registration plates shall be
7 attached to the rearmost of the camper body.

8 (f) No person shall operate a vehicle, nor permit the
9 operation of a vehicle, upon which is displayed an Illinois
10 registration plate or plates or digital registration plate or
11 plates or registration stickers or digital registration
12 stickers, except as provided for in subsection (b) of Section
13 3-701 of this Code, after the termination of the registration
14 period for which issued or after the expiration date set
15 pursuant to Sections 3-414 and 3-414.1 of this Code.

16 (g) A person may not operate any motor vehicle that is
17 equipped with registration plate or digital registration plate
18 covers. A violation of this subsection (g) or a similar
19 provision of a local ordinance is an offense against laws and
20 ordinances regulating the movement of traffic.

21 (h) A person may not sell or offer for sale a registration
22 plate or digital registration plate cover. A violation of this
23 subsection (h) is a business offense.

24 (i) A person may not advertise for the purpose of
25 promoting the sale of registration plate or digital
26 registration plate covers. A violation of this subsection (i)

1 is a business offense.

2 (j) A person may not modify the original manufacturer's
3 mounting location of the rear registration plate or digital
4 registration plate on any vehicle so as to conceal the
5 registration or to knowingly cause it to be obstructed in an
6 effort to hinder a peace officer from obtaining the
7 registration for the enforcement of a violation of this Code,
8 Section 27.1 of the Toll Highway Act concerning toll evasion,
9 or any municipal ordinance. Modifications prohibited by this
10 subsection (j) include but are not limited to the use of an
11 electronic device. A violation of this subsection (j) is a
12 Class A misdemeanor.

13 (k) Registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed
14 registration by the Secretary shall be displayed on the upper
15 right corner of the rear registration plate or in a manner
16 otherwise provided by the Secretary. However, registration
17 stickers issued to truck-tractors shall be displayed on the
18 upper right corner of the front registration plate or in a
19 manner otherwise provided by the Secretary.

20 (l) No person shall affix to any registration plate,
21 temporary registration plate, digital registration plate,
22 registration sticker, or other evidence of registration issued
23 by the Secretary any medallion, insignia, sticker, or other
24 object not issued or approved by the Secretary. No person
25 shall alter, manipulate, apply, or otherwise manipulate any
26 evidence of registration issued by the Secretary in any manner

1 from the original condition as was received when issued by the
2 Secretary. It is unlawful to operate any vehicle that displays
3 evidence of registration altered in any manner or displaying
4 any medallion, insignia, sticker, or other object as
5 prescribed in this subsection.

6 (Source: P.A. 103-706, eff. 1-1-25.)

7 (625 ILCS 5/11-201.5 new)

8 Sec. 11-201.5. Roadable aircraft. A roadable aircraft
9 shall be considered a motor vehicle while in operation on the
10 roadways of this State. The operation of a roadable aircraft
11 shall be subject to restrictions placed upon the use of public
12 roadways by rules adopted by the Department of Transportation.

13 (625 ILCS 5/13-101) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 13-101)

14 Sec. 13-101. Submission to safety test; certificate of
15 safety. To promote the safety of the general public, every
16 owner of a second division vehicle, medical transport vehicle,
17 tow truck, first division vehicle including a taxi which is
18 used for a purpose that requires a school bus driver permit,
19 motor vehicle used for driver education training, or contract
20 carrier transporting employees in the course of their
21 employment on a highway of this State in a vehicle designed to
22 carry 15 or fewer passengers shall, before operating the
23 vehicle upon the highways of Illinois, submit it to a "safety
24 test" and secure a certificate of safety furnished by the

1 Department as set forth in Section 13-109. Each second
2 division motor vehicle that pulls or draws a trailer,
3 semitrailer or pole trailer, with a gross weight of 10,001 lbs
4 or more or is registered for a gross weight of 10,001 lbs or
5 more, motor bus, religious organization bus, school bus,
6 senior citizen transportation vehicle, and limousine shall be
7 subject to inspection by the Department and the Department is
8 authorized to establish rules and regulations for the
9 implementation of such inspections.

10 The owners of each salvage vehicle shall submit it to a
11 "safety test" and secure a certificate of safety furnished by
12 the Department prior to its salvage vehicle inspection
13 pursuant to Section 3-308 of this Code. In implementing and
14 enforcing the provisions of this Section, the Department and
15 other authorized State agencies shall do so in a manner that is
16 not inconsistent with any applicable federal law or regulation
17 so that no federal funding or support is jeopardized by the
18 enactment or application of these provisions.

19 However, none of the provisions of Chapter 13 requiring
20 safety tests or a certificate of safety shall apply to:

21 (a) farm tractors, machinery and implements, wagons,
22 wagon-trailers or like farm vehicles used primarily in
23 agricultural pursuits;

24 (b) vehicles other than school buses, tow trucks, and
25 medical transport vehicles owned or operated by a
26 municipal corporation or political subdivision having a

1 population of 1,000,000 or more inhabitants and which are
2 subject to safety tests imposed by local ordinance or
3 resolution;

4 (c) a semitrailer or trailer having a gross weight of
5 5,000 pounds or less including vehicle weight and maximum
6 load;

7 (d) recreational vehicles;

8 (e) vehicles registered as and displaying Illinois
9 antique vehicle plates and vehicles registered as
10 expanded-use antique vehicles and displaying expanded-use
11 antique vehicle plates;

12 (f) house trailers equipped and used for living
13 quarters;

14 (g) vehicles registered as and displaying Illinois
15 permanently mounted equipment plates or similar vehicles
16 eligible therefor but registered as governmental vehicles
17 provided that if said vehicle is reclassified from a
18 permanently mounted equipment plate so as to lose the
19 exemption of not requiring a certificate of safety, such
20 vehicle must be safety tested within 30 days of the
21 reclassification;

22 (h) vehicles owned or operated by a manufacturer,
23 dealer, or transporter displaying a special plate or
24 plates as described in Chapter 3 of this Code while such
25 vehicle is being delivered from the manufacturing or
26 assembly plant directly to the purchasing dealership or

1 distributor, or being temporarily road driven for quality
2 control testing, or from one dealer or distributor to
3 another, or are being moved by the most direct route from
4 one location to another for the purpose of installing
5 special bodies or equipment, or driven for purposes of
6 demonstration by a prospective buyer with the dealer or
7 his agent present in the cab of the vehicle during the
8 demonstration;

9 (i) pole trailers and auxiliary axles;

10 (j) special mobile equipment;

11 (k) vehicles properly registered in another State
12 pursuant to law and displaying a valid registration plate
13 or digital registration plate, except vehicles of contract
14 carriers transporting employees in the course of their
15 employment on a highway of this State in a vehicle
16 designed to carry 15 or fewer passengers are only exempted
17 to the extent that the safety testing requirements
18 applicable to such vehicles in the state of registration
19 are no less stringent than the safety testing requirements
20 applicable to contract carriers that are lawfully
21 registered in Illinois;

22 (l) water-well boring apparatuses or rigs;

23 (m) any vehicle which is owned and operated by the
24 federal government and externally displays evidence of
25 such ownership; ~~and~~

26 (n) second division vehicles registered for a gross

1 weight of 10,000 pounds or less, except when such second
2 division motor vehicles pull or draw a trailer,
3 semi-trailer, or pole trailer having a gross weight of or
4 registered for a gross weight of more than 10,000 pounds;
5 motor buses; religious organization buses; school buses;
6 senior citizen transportation vehicles; medical transport
7 vehicles; tow trucks; and any property carrying vehicles
8 being operated in commerce that are registered for a gross
9 weight of more than 8,000 lbs but less than 10,001 lbs;
10 and-

11 (o) roadable aircraft.

12 The safety test shall include the testing and inspection
13 of brakes, lights, horns, reflectors, rear vision mirrors,
14 mufflers, safety chains, windshields and windshield wipers,
15 warning flags and flares, frame, axle, cab and body, or cab or
16 body, wheels, steering apparatus, and other safety devices and
17 appliances required by this Code and such other safety tests
18 as the Department may by rule or regulation require, for
19 second division vehicles, school buses, medical transport
20 vehicles, tow trucks, first division vehicles including taxis
21 which are used for a purpose that requires a school bus driver
22 permit, motor vehicles used for driver education training,
23 vehicles designed to carry 15 or fewer passengers operated by
24 a contract carrier transporting employees in the course of
25 their employment on a highway of this State, trailers, and
26 semitrailers subject to inspection.

1 For tow trucks, the safety test and inspection shall also
2 include the inspection of winch mountings, body panels, body
3 mounts, wheel lift swivel points, and sling straps, and other
4 tests and inspections the Department by rule requires for tow
5 trucks.

6 For driver education vehicles used by public high schools,
7 the vehicle must also be equipped with dual control brakes, a
8 mirror on each side of the vehicle so located as to reflect to
9 the driver a view of the highway for a distance of at least 200
10 feet to the rear, and a sign visible from the front and the
11 rear identifying the vehicle as a driver education car.

12 For trucks, truck tractors, trailers, semi-trailers, buses
13 engaged in interstate commerce as defined in Section 1-133 of
14 this Code, and first division vehicles including taxis which
15 are used for a purpose that requires a school bus driver
16 permit, the safety test shall be conducted in accordance with
17 the Minimum Periodic Inspection Standards promulgated by the
18 Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of
19 Transportation and contained in Appendix G to Subchapter B of
20 Chapter III of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
21 Those standards, as now in effect, are made a part of this
22 Code, in the same manner as though they were set out in full in
23 this Code.

24 The passing of the safety test shall not be a bar at any
25 time to prosecution for operating a second division vehicle,
26 medical transport vehicle, motor vehicle used for driver

1 education training, or vehicle designed to carry 15 or fewer
2 passengers operated by a contract carrier as provided in this
3 Section that is unsafe, as determined by the standards
4 prescribed in this Code.

5 (Source: P.A. 103-476, eff. 1-1-24; revised 8-19-24.)

6 (625 ILCS 5/13C-15)

7 Sec. 13C-15. Inspections.

8 (a) Computer-Matched Inspections and Notification.

9 (1) The provisions of this subsection (a) are
10 operative until the implementation of the registration
11 denial inspection and notification mechanisms required by
12 subsection (b). Beginning with the implementation of the
13 program required by this Chapter, every motor vehicle that
14 is owned by a resident of an affected county, other than a
15 vehicle that is exempt under paragraph (a)(6) or (a)(7),
16 is subject to inspection under the program.

17 The Agency shall send notice of the assigned
18 inspection month, at least 15 days before the beginning of
19 the assigned month, to the owner of each vehicle subject
20 to the program. An initial emission inspection sticker or
21 initial inspection certificate, as the case may be,
22 expires on the last day of the third month following the
23 month assigned by the Agency for the first inspection of
24 the vehicle. A renewal inspection sticker or certificate
25 expires on the last day of the third month following the

1 month assigned for inspection in the year in which the
2 vehicle's next inspection is required.

3 The Agency or its agent may issue an interim emission
4 inspection sticker or certificate for any vehicle subject
5 to inspection that does not have a currently valid
6 emission inspection sticker or certificate at the time the
7 Agency is notified by the Secretary of State of its
8 registration by a new owner, and for which an initial
9 emission inspection sticker or certificate has already
10 been issued. An interim emission inspection sticker or
11 certificate expires no later than the last day of the
12 sixth complete calendar month after the date the Agency
13 issued the interim emission inspection sticker or
14 certificate.

15 The owner of each vehicle subject to inspection shall
16 obtain an emission inspection sticker or certificate for
17 the vehicle in accordance with this paragraph (1). Before
18 the expiration of the emission inspection sticker or
19 certificate, the owner shall have the vehicle inspected
20 and, upon demonstration of compliance, obtain a renewal
21 emission inspection sticker or certificate. A renewal
22 emission inspection sticker or certificate shall not be
23 issued more than 5 months before the expiration date of
24 the previous inspection sticker or certificate.

25 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(3), vehicles
26 shall be inspected every 2 years on a schedule that begins

1 either in the second, fourth, or later calendar year after
2 the vehicle model year. The beginning test schedule shall
3 be set by the Agency and shall be consistent with the
4 State's requirements for emission reductions as determined
5 by the applicable United States Environmental Protection
6 Agency vehicle emissions estimation model and applicable
7 guidance and rules.

8 (3) A vehicle may be inspected at a time outside of its
9 normal 2-year inspection schedule, if (i) the vehicle was
10 acquired by a new owner and (ii) the vehicle was required
11 to be in compliance with this Act at the time the vehicle
12 was acquired by the new owner, but it was not then in
13 compliance.

14 (4) The owner of a vehicle subject to inspection shall
15 have the vehicle inspected and shall obtain and display on
16 the vehicle or carry within the vehicle, in a manner
17 specified by the Agency, a valid unexpired emission
18 inspection sticker or certificate in the manner specified
19 by the Agency. A person who violates this paragraph (4) is
20 guilty of a petty offense, except that a third or
21 subsequent violation within one year of the first
22 violation is a Class C misdemeanor. The fine imposed for a
23 violation of this paragraph (4) shall be not less than \$50
24 if the violation occurred within 60 days following the
25 date by which a new or renewal emission inspection sticker
26 or certificate was required to be obtained for the

1 vehicle, and not less than \$300 if the violation occurred
2 more than 60 days after that date.

3 (5) For a \$20 fee, to be paid into the Vehicle
4 Inspection Fund, the Agency may inspect:

5 (A) A vehicle registered in and subject to the
6 emission inspections requirements of another state.

7 (B) A vehicle presented for inspection on a
8 voluntary basis.

9 Any fees collected under this paragraph (5) shall not
10 offset Motor Fuel Tax Funds normally appropriated for the
11 program.

12 (6) The following vehicles are not subject to
13 inspection:

14 (A) Vehicles not subject to registration under
15 Article IV of Chapter 3 of this Code, other than
16 vehicles owned by the federal government.

17 (B) Motorcycles, motor driven cycles, and
18 motorized pedalcycles.

19 (C) Farm vehicles and implements of husbandry.

20 (D) Implements of warfare owned by the State or
21 federal government.

22 (E) Antique vehicles, expanded-use antique
23 vehicles, custom vehicles, street rods, and vehicles
24 of model year 1967 or before.

25 (F) Vehicles operated exclusively for parade or
26 ceremonial purposes by any veterans, fraternal, or

1 civic organization, organized on a not-for-profit
2 basis.

3 (G) Vehicles for which the Secretary of State,
4 under Section 3-117 of this Code, has issued a Junking
5 Certificate.

6 (H) Diesel powered vehicles and vehicles that are
7 powered exclusively by electricity.

8 (I) Vehicles operated exclusively in organized
9 amateur or professional sporting activities, as
10 defined in Section 3.310 of the Environmental
11 Protection Act.

12 (J) Vehicles registered in, subject to, and in
13 compliance with the emission inspection requirements
14 of another state.

15 (K) Vehicles participating in an OBD continuous
16 monitoring program operated in accordance with
17 procedures adopted by the Agency.

18 (L) Vehicles of model year 1995 or earlier that do
19 not have an expired emissions test sticker or
20 certificate on February 1, 2007.

21 (M) Roadable aircraft.

22 The Agency may issue temporary or permanent exemption
23 stickers or certificates for vehicles temporarily or
24 permanently exempt from inspection under this paragraph
25 (6). An exemption sticker or certificate does not need to
26 be displayed.

1 (7) According to criteria that the Agency may adopt, a
2 motor vehicle may be exempted from the inspection
3 requirements of this Section by the Agency on the basis of
4 an Agency determination that the vehicle is located and
5 primarily used outside of the affected counties or in
6 other jurisdictions where vehicle emission inspections are
7 not required. The Agency may issue an annual exemption
8 sticker or certificate without inspection for any vehicle
9 exempted from inspection under this paragraph (7).

10 (8) Any owner or lessee of a fleet of 15 or more motor
11 vehicles that are subject to inspection under this Section
12 may apply to the Agency for a permit to establish and
13 operate a private official inspection station in
14 accordance with rules adopted by the Agency.

15 (9) Pursuant to Title 40, Section 51.371 of the Code
16 of Federal Regulations, the Agency may establish a program
17 of on-road testing of in-use vehicles through the use of
18 remote sensing devices. In any such program, the Agency
19 shall evaluate the emission performance of 0.5% of the
20 subject fleet or 20,000 vehicles, whichever is less. Under
21 no circumstances shall on-road testing include any sort of
22 roadblock or roadside pullover or cause any type of
23 traffic delay. If, during the course of an on-road
24 inspection, a vehicle is found to exceed the on-road
25 emissions standards established for the model year and
26 type of vehicle, the Agency shall send a notice to the

1 vehicle owner. The notice shall document the occurrence
2 and the results of the on-road exceedance. The notice of a
3 second on-road exceedance shall indicate that the vehicle
4 has been reassigned and is subject to an out-of-cycle
5 follow-up inspection at an official inspection station. In
6 no case shall the Agency send a notice of an on-road
7 exceedance to the owner of a vehicle that was found to
8 exceed the on-road emission standards established for the
9 model year and type of vehicle, if the vehicle is
10 registered outside of the affected counties.

11 (b) Registration Denial Inspection and Notification.

12 (1) No later than January 1, 2008, every motor vehicle
13 that is owned by a resident of an affected county, other
14 than a vehicle that is exempt under paragraph (b)(8) or
15 (b)(9), is subject to inspection under the program.

16 The owner of a vehicle subject to inspection shall
17 have the vehicle inspected and obtain proof of compliance
18 from the Agency in order to obtain or renew a vehicle
19 registration for a subject vehicle.

20 The Secretary of State shall notify the owner of a
21 vehicle subject to inspection of the requirement to have
22 the vehicle tested at least 30 days prior to the beginning
23 of the month in which the vehicle's registration is due to
24 expire. Notwithstanding the preceding, vehicles with
25 permanent registration plates shall be notified at least
26 30 days prior to the month corresponding to the date the

1 vehicle was originally registered. This notification shall
2 clearly state the vehicle's test status, based upon the
3 vehicle type, model year and registration address.

4 The owner of each vehicle subject to inspection shall
5 have the vehicle inspected and, upon demonstration of
6 compliance, obtain an emissions compliance certificate for
7 the vehicle.

8 (2) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) (3), (b) (4),
9 and (b) (5), vehicles shall be inspected every 2 years on a
10 schedule that begins in the fourth calendar year after the
11 vehicle model year. Even model year vehicles shall be
12 inspected and comply in order to renew registrations
13 expiring in even calendar years and odd model year
14 vehicles shall be inspected and comply in order to renew
15 registrations expiring in odd calendar years.

16 (3) A vehicle shall be inspected and comply at a time
17 outside of its normal 2-year inspection schedule if (i)
18 the vehicle was acquired by a new owner and (ii) the
19 vehicle had not been issued a Compliance Certificate
20 within one year of the date of application for the title or
21 registration, or both, for the vehicle.

22 (4) Vehicles with 2-year registrations shall be
23 inspected every 2 years at the time of registration
24 issuance or renewal on a schedule that begins in the
25 fourth year after the vehicle model year.

26 (5) Vehicles with permanent vehicle registration

1 plates shall be inspected every 2 years on a schedule that
2 begins in the fourth calendar year after the vehicle model
3 year in the month corresponding to the date the vehicle
4 was originally registered. Even model year vehicles shall
5 be inspected and comply in even calendar years, and odd
6 model year vehicles shall be inspected and comply in odd
7 calendar years.

8 (6) The Agency and the Secretary of State shall
9 endeavor to ensure a smooth transition from test
10 scheduling from the provisions of subsection (a) to
11 subsection (b). Passing tests and waivers issued prior to
12 the implementation of this subsection (b) may be utilized
13 to establish compliance for a period of one year from the
14 date of the emissions or waiver inspection.

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23 Protection Act.

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25 compliance with the emission inspection requirements
26 of another state.

1 (K) Vehicles participating in an OBD continuous
2 monitoring program operated in accordance with
3 procedures adopted by the Agency.

4 (L) Vehicles of model year 1995 or earlier that do
5 not have an expired emissions test sticker or
6 certificate on February 1, 2007.

7 (M) Vehicles of model year 2006 or earlier with a
8 manufacturer gross vehicle weight rating between 8,501
9 and 14,000 pounds.

10 (N) Vehicles with a manufacturer gross vehicle
11 weight rating greater than 14,000 pounds.

12 (O) Roadable aircraft.

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14 certificates for vehicles temporarily or permanently
15 exempt from inspection under this paragraph (8). An
16 exemption sticker or certificate does not need to be
17 displayed.

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20 requirements of this Section by the Agency on the basis of
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11 subject fleet or 20,000 vehicles, whichever is less. Under
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13 roadblock or roadside pullover or cause any type of
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15 inspection, a vehicle is found to exceed the on-road
16 emissions standards established for the model year and
17 type of vehicle, the Agency shall send a notice to the
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19 and the results of the on-road exceedance. The notice of a
20 second on-road exceedance shall indicate that the vehicle
21 has been reassigned and is subject to an out-of-cycle
22 follow-up inspection at an official inspection station. In
23 no case shall the Agency send a notice of an on-road
24 exceedance to the owner of a vehicle that was found to
25 exceed the on-road emissions standards established for the
26 model year and type of vehicle, if the vehicle is

1 registered outside of the affected counties.

2 (Source: P.A. 97-106, eff. 2-1-12; 97-412, eff. 1-1-12;

3 97-813, eff. 7-13-12.)