**Section 1225.210 Origin and General Description**

a) The 77th Illinois General Assembly created the Department of Transportation, with legislation effective January 1, 1972. The Department absorbed the functions of the former Department of Public Works and Buildings, acquired some planning and safety inspection functions of other State agencies, and received responsibility for State assistance to local mass transportation agencies. The Division of Aeronautics was added to the Department's responsibility in 1973. The Department is accredited to the Federal government for receiving Federal funds for transportation programs, and is also responsible for drafting a State Master Plan for transportation facilities.

b) The Department is headed by the Secretary of Transportation. The Office of the Secretary is responsible for the administration and operation of the Divisions and Offices within the Department. The Offices of the Department are: the Office of Chief Counsel, the Office of Finance and Administration, the Office of Inter-Governmental Affairs, the Office of Planning and Programming, and the Office of Public Affairs. Divisions of the Department of Transportation are: the Division of Aeronautics, the Division of Highways, the Division of Public Transportation, the Division of Traffic Safety, and the Division of Water Resources. The Central Offices of the Department are located at 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62764.