

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 changing  
5 Sections 11-703, 11-707, 11-709.1, and 11-1507 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-703) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-703)

7 Sec. 11-703. Overtaking a vehicle on the left. The  
8 following rules govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles  
9 proceeding in the same direction, subject to those limitations,  
10 exceptions, and special rules otherwise stated in this Chapter:

11 (a) The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle  
12 proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left  
13 thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the  
14 right side of the roadway until safely clear of the  
15 overtaken vehicle. In no event shall such movement be made  
16 by driving off the pavement or the main traveled portion of  
17 the roadway.

18 (b) Except when overtaking and passing on the right is  
19 permitted, the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give  
20 way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on  
21 audible signal and shall not increase the speed of his  
22 vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

23 (c) The driver of a 2 wheeled vehicle may not, in

1 passing upon the left of any vehicle proceeding in the same  
2 direction, pass upon the right of any vehicle proceeding in  
3 the same direction unless there is an unobstructed lane of  
4 traffic available to permit such passing maneuver safely.

5 (d) The operator of a motor vehicle overtaking a  
6 bicycle or individual proceeding in the same direction on a  
7 highway shall leave a safe distance, but not less than 3  
8 feet, when passing the bicycle or individual and shall  
9 maintain that distance until safely past the overtaken  
10 bicycle or individual.

11 (d-5) A driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle  
12 proceeding in the same direction on a highway may, subject  
13 to the provisions in paragraph (d) of this Section and  
14 Section 11-706 of this Code, pass to the left of the  
15 bicycle on a portion of the highway designated as a  
16 no-passing zone under Section 11-707 of this Code if the  
17 driver is able to overtake and pass the bicycle when:

18 (1) the bicycle is traveling at a speed of less  
19 than half of the posted speed limit of the highway;

20 (2) the driver is able to overtake and pass the  
21 bicycle without exceeding the posted speed limit of the  
22 highway; and

23 (3) there is sufficient distance to the left of the  
24 centerline of the highway for the motor vehicle to meet  
25 the overtaking and passing requirements under this  
26 Section.

1           (e) A person driving a motor vehicle shall not, in a  
2 reckless manner, drive the motor vehicle unnecessarily  
3 close to, toward, or near a bicyclist, pedestrian, or a  
4 person riding a horse or driving an animal drawn vehicle.

5           (f) Every person convicted of paragraph (e) of this  
6 Section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if the  
7 violation does not result in great bodily harm or permanent  
8 disability or disfigurement to another. If the violation  
9 results in great bodily harm or permanent disability or  
10 disfigurement to another, the person shall be guilty of a  
11 Class 3 felony.

12       (Source: P.A. 95-231, eff. 1-1-08; 96-1007, eff. 1-1-11.)

13           (625 ILCS 5/11-707) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-707)  
14       Sec. 11-707. No-passing zones.

15           (a) The Department and local authorities are authorized to  
16 determine those portions of any highway under their respective  
17 jurisdictions where overtaking and passing or driving on the  
18 left of the roadway would be especially hazardous and may by  
19 appropriate signs or markings on the roadway indicate the  
20 beginning and end of such zones. Upon request of a local school  
21 board, the Department or local authority which has jurisdiction  
22 over the roadway in question, shall determine whether a  
23 hazardous situation exists at a particular location and  
24 warrants a no-passing zone. If the Department or local  
25 authority determines that a no-passing zone is warranted, the

1 school board and the Department or local authority shall share  
2 equally the cost of designating the no-passing zone by signs  
3 and markings. When such signs or markings are in place and  
4 clearly visible to an ordinarily observant person every driver  
5 of a vehicle shall obey the directions thereof.

6 (b) Where signs or markings are in place to define a  
7 no-passing zone as set forth in paragraph (a) no driver may at  
8 any time drive on the left side of the roadway within the  
9 no-passing zone or on the left side of any pavement striping  
10 designed to mark such no-passing zone throughout its length.

11 (c) This Section does not apply under the conditions  
12 described in Section 11-701 (a) 2, subsection (d-5) of Section  
13 11-703, nor to the driver of a vehicle turning left into or  
14 from an alley, private road or driveway. The pavement striping  
15 designed to mark the no-passing zone may be crossed from the  
16 left hand lane for the purpose of completing a pass that was  
17 begun prior to the beginning of the zone in the driver's  
18 direction of travel.

19 (d) Special speed limit areas required under Section 11-605  
20 of this Code in unincorporated areas only shall also be  
21 no-passing zones.

22 (Source: P.A. 86-471.)

23 (625 ILCS 5/11-709.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-709.1)  
24 Sec. 11-709.1. Driving on the shoulder.

25 (a) Vehicles shall be driven on a roadway, and shall only

1 be driven on the shoulder for the purpose of stopping or  
2 accelerating from a stop while merging into traffic. It shall  
3 be a violation of this Section if while merging into traffic  
4 and while on the shoulder, the vehicle passes any other vehicle  
5 on the roadway adjacent to it.

6 (b) This Section shall not apply to any authorized  
7 emergency vehicle, to any authorized transit bus, to any  
8 bicycle, to any farm tractor or implement of husbandry, to any  
9 service vehicle while engaged in maintenance of the highway or  
10 related work, or to any authorized vehicle within a designated  
11 construction zone.

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

13 (625 ILCS 5/11-1507) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1507)

14 Sec. 11-1507. Lamps and other equipment on bicycles.

15 (a) Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be  
16 equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white  
17 light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front  
18 and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the  
19 Department which shall be visible from all distances from 100  
20 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful  
21 lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle, except that a ~~.A~~  
22 lamp emitting a steady or flashing red light visible from a  
23 distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to or  
24 instead of the red reflector.

25 (b) A bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any

1 person use upon a bicycle any siren. This subsection (b) does  
2 not apply to a bicycle that is a police vehicle or fire  
3 department vehicle.

4 (c) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will  
5 adequately control movement of and stop and hold such bicycle.

6 (d) No person shall sell a new bicycle or pedal for use on  
7 a bicycle that is not equipped with a reflex reflector  
8 conforming to specifications prescribed by the Department, on  
9 each pedal, visible from the front and rear of the bicycle  
10 during darkness from a distance of 200 feet.

11 (e) No person shall sell or offer for sale a new bicycle  
12 that is not equipped with side reflectors. Such reflectors  
13 shall be visible from each side of the bicycle from a distance  
14 of 500 feet and shall be essentially colorless or red to the  
15 rear of the center of the bicycle and essentially colorless or  
16 amber to the front of the center of the bicycle provided. The  
17 requirements of this paragraph may be met by reflective  
18 materials which shall be at least 3/16 of an inch wide on each  
19 side of each tire or rim to indicate as clearly as possible the  
20 continuous circular shape and size of the tires or rims of such  
21 bicycle and which reflective materials may be of the same color  
22 on both the front and rear tire or rim. Such reflectors shall  
23 conform to specifications prescribed by the Department.

24 (f) No person shall sell or offer for sale a new bicycle  
25 that is not equipped with an essentially colorless front-facing  
26 reflector.

1 (Source: P.A. 95-28, eff. 8-7-07.)