

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 Section 13-109 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/13-109) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 13-109)

7 Sec. 13-109. Safety test prior to application for license -  
8 Subsequent tests - Repairs - Retest.

9 (a) Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 13, each second  
10 division vehicle, first division vehicle including a taxi which  
11 is used for a purpose that requires a school bus driver permit,  
12 and medical transport vehicle, except those vehicles other than  
13 school buses or medical transport vehicles owned or operated by  
14 a municipal corporation or political subdivision having a  
15 population of 1,000,000 or more inhabitants which are subjected  
16 to safety tests imposed by local ordinance or resolution,  
17 operated in whole or in part over the highways of this State,  
18 motor vehicle used for driver education training, and each  
19 vehicle designed to carry 15 or fewer passengers operated by a  
20 contract carrier transporting employees in the course of their  
21 employment on a highway of this State, shall be subjected to  
22 the safety test provided for in Chapter 13 of this Code. Tests  
23 shall be conducted at an official testing station within 6

1 months prior to the application for registration as provided  
2 for in this Code. Subsequently each vehicle shall be subject to  
3 tests (i) at least every 6 months, (ii) in the case of school  
4 buses and first division vehicles including taxis which are  
5 used for a purpose that requires a school bus driver permit, at  
6 least every 6 months or 10,000 miles, whichever occurs first,  
7 (iii) in the case of driver education vehicles used by public  
8 high schools, at least every 12 months for vehicles over 5  
9 model years of age or having an odometer reading of over 75,000  
10 miles, whichever occurs first, or (iv) in the case of truck  
11 tractors, semitrailers, and property-carrying vehicles  
12 registered for a gross weight of more than 10,000 pounds but  
13 less than 26,001 pounds, ~~in combination with a semitrailer,~~ at  
14 least every 12 months, and according to schedules established  
15 by rules and regulations promulgated by the Department. Any  
16 component subject to regular inspection which is damaged in a  
17 reportable accident must be reinspected before the bus or first  
18 division vehicle including a taxi which is used for a purpose  
19 that requires a school bus driver permit is returned to  
20 service.

21 (b) The Department shall also conduct periodic  
22 nonscheduled inspections of school buses, of buses registered  
23 as charitable vehicles and of religious organization buses. If  
24 such inspection reveals that a vehicle is not in substantial  
25 compliance with the rules promulgated by the Department, the  
26 Department shall remove the Certificate of Safety from the

1 vehicle, and shall place the vehicle out-of-service. A bright  
2 orange, triangular decal shall be placed on an out-of-service  
3 vehicle where the Certificate of Safety has been removed. The  
4 vehicle must pass a safety test at an official testing station  
5 before it is again placed in service.

6 (c) If the violation is not substantial a bright yellow,  
7 triangular sticker shall be placed next to the Certificate of  
8 Safety at the time the nonscheduled inspection is made. The  
9 Department shall reinspect the vehicle after 3 working days to  
10 determine that the violation has been corrected and remove the  
11 yellow, triangular decal. If the violation is not corrected  
12 within 3 working days, the Department shall place the vehicle  
13 out-of-service in accordance with procedures in subsection  
14 (b).

15 (d) If a violation is not substantial and does not directly  
16 affect the safe operation of the vehicle, the Department shall  
17 issue a warning notice requiring correction of the violation.  
18 Such correction shall be accomplished as soon as practicable  
19 and a report of the correction shall be made to the Department  
20 within 30 days in a manner established by the Department. If  
21 the Department has not been advised that the corrections have  
22 been made, and the violations still exist, the Department shall  
23 place the vehicle out-of-service in accordance with procedures  
24 in subsection (b).

25 (e) The Department is authorized to promulgate regulations  
26 to implement its program of nonscheduled inspections. Causing

1 or allowing the operation of an out-of-service vehicle with  
2 passengers or unauthorized removal of an out-of-service  
3 sticker is a Class 3 felony. Causing or allowing the operation  
4 of a vehicle with a 3-day sticker for longer than 3 days with  
5 the sticker attached or the unauthorized removal of a 3-day  
6 sticker is a Class C misdemeanor.

7 (f) If a second division vehicle, first division vehicle  
8 including a taxi which is used for a purpose that requires a  
9 school bus driver permit, medical transport vehicle, or vehicle  
10 operated by a contract carrier as provided in subsection (a) of  
11 this Section is in safe mechanical condition, as determined  
12 pursuant to Chapter 13, the operator of the official testing  
13 station must at once issue to the second division vehicle,  
14 first division vehicle including a taxi which is used for a  
15 purpose that requires a school bus driver permit, or medical  
16 transport vehicle a certificate of safety, in the form and  
17 manner prescribed by the Department, which shall be affixed to  
18 the vehicle by the certified safety tester who performed the  
19 safety tests. The owner of the second division vehicle, first  
20 division vehicle including a taxi which is used for a purpose  
21 that requires a school bus driver permit, or medical transport  
22 vehicle or the contract carrier shall at all times display the  
23 Certificate of Safety on the second division vehicle, first  
24 division vehicle including a taxi which is used for a purpose  
25 that requires a school bus driver permit, medical transport  
26 vehicle, or vehicle operated by a contract carrier in the

1 manner prescribed by the Department.

2 (g) If a test shows that a second division vehicle, first  
3 division vehicle including a taxi which is used for a purpose  
4 that requires a school bus driver permit, medical transport  
5 vehicle, or vehicle operated by a contract carrier is not in  
6 safe mechanical condition as provided in this Section, it shall  
7 not be operated on the highways until it has been repaired and  
8 submitted to a retest at an official testing station. If the  
9 owner or contract carrier submits the vehicle to a retest at a  
10 different official testing station from that where it failed to  
11 pass the first test, he or she shall present to the operator of  
12 the second station the report of the original test, and shall  
13 notify the Department in writing, giving the name and address  
14 of the original testing station and the defects which prevented  
15 the issuance of a Certificate of Safety, and the name and  
16 address of the second official testing station making the  
17 retest.

18 (Source: P.A. 100-160, eff. 1-1-18.)