



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5617

by Rep. Barbara Hernandez

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/6-209.2 new

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Secretary of State and the Illinois Supreme Court may work in cooperation to implement a program to reinstate suspended driving privileges. Provides that the program shall be available to citizens of this State who earn less than \$50,000 per year and whose driving privileges have been suspended for a period longer than 3 months, but not to persons whose driving privileges have been revoked or suspended for driving under the influence or refusing to submit to drug or alcohol testing. Provides that the program shall include a feature by which persons may apply for relief online through the website of the Secretary or in person at a local Driver Services facility. Provides that a person eligible for relief under the program shall be provided with a daily 10-hour window in which the person may operate the vehicle for transportation to and from work. Provides that if a person granted limited driving privileges drives for 6 months without committing specified violations, then the person will be eligible for the full restoration of driving privileges upon the payment of a \$50 fee and completion of a 4-hour driver's education course. Provides that the Secretary shall develop the driver's education course and offer the course to eligible participants free of charge. Provides that the Secretary and the Illinois Supreme Court shall work in cooperation with local law enforcement, the Illinois State Police, and circuit court clerks to implement the new provisions. Authorizes the Secretary of State to adopt rules. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 adding
5 Section 6-209.2 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/6-209.2 new)

7 Sec. 6-209.2. Restoration of driving privileges;
8 low-income persons.

9 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
10 Secretary of State and the Illinois Supreme Court may work in
11 cooperation to implement a program to reinstate suspended
12 driving privileges in accordance with this Section.

13 (b) The program implemented under this Section shall
14 include the following features:

15 (1) The program shall be available to citizens of this
16 State who earn less than \$50,000 per year and whose driving
17 privileges have been suspended for a period longer than 3
18 months.

19 (2) The program shall not be available to a person
20 whose driver's license has been:

21 (A) revoked; or

22 (B) suspended for a violation of Section 11-501,
23 11-501.1, or 11-501.9.

1 (3) The program shall include a feature by which
2 persons may apply for relief online through the website of
3 the Secretary or in person at a local Driver Services
4 facility.

5 (4) A person eligible for relief under the program
6 shall be provided with a daily 10-hour window in which the
7 person may operate the vehicle for transportation to and
8 from work.

9 (5) If a person granted limited driving privileges
10 under paragraph (4) drives for 6 months without committing
11 a violation of the terms of the limited privileges granted
12 under this Section or a violation under Section 6-206.2,
13 6-303, 11-204, 11-204.1, 11-401, 11-501, 11-503, or
14 11-506, or a similar provision of a local ordinance or a
15 similar out-of-state offense, then the person will be
16 eligible for the full restoration of driving privileges
17 upon the payment of a \$50 fee and completion of a 4-hour
18 driver's education course.

19 (c) The Secretary shall develop the driver's education
20 course under paragraph (5) of subsection (b) and offer the
21 course to eligible participants free of charge.

22 (d) The Secretary and the Illinois Supreme Court shall work
23 in cooperation with local law enforcement, the Illinois State
24 Police, and circuit court clerks to implement this Section.

25 (e) The Secretary may adopt rules to implement this
26 Section.

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