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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1217

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1217 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Section 6-109 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/6-109)

7 Sec. 6-109. Examination of applicants.

8 (a) The Secretary of State shall examine every applicant
9 for a driver's license or permit who has not been previously
10 licensed as a driver under the laws of this State or any other
11 state or country, or any applicant for renewal of such
12 driver's license or permit when such license or permit has
13 been expired for more than one year. The Secretary of State
14 shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (c), examine
15 every licensed driver at least every 8 years, and may examine
16 or re-examine any other applicant or licensed driver, provided

1 that during the years 1984 through 1991 those drivers issued a
2 license for 3 years may be re-examined not less than every 7
3 years or more than every 10 years.

4 The Secretary of State shall require the testing of the
5 eyesight of any driver's license or permit applicant who has
6 not been previously licensed as a driver under the laws of this
7 State and shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide
8 for the orderly administration of all the provisions of this
9 Section.

10 The Secretary of State shall include at least one test
11 question that concerns the provisions of the Pedestrians with
12 Disabilities Safety Act in the question pool used for the
13 written portion of the driver's license examination within one
14 year after July 22, 2010 (the effective date of Public Act
15 96-1167).

16 The Secretary of State shall include, in the question pool
17 used for the written portion of the driver's license
18 examination, test questions concerning safe driving in the
19 presence of bicycles, of which one may be concerning the Dutch
20 Reach method as described in Section 2-112.

21 The Secretary of State shall include, in the question pool
22 used for the written portion of the driver's license
23 examination, at least one test question concerning driver
24 responsibilities when approaching a stationary emergency
25 vehicle as described in Section 11-907.

26 (b) The ~~Except as provided for those applicants in~~

1 ~~paragraph (c), such~~ examination shall include a test of the
2 applicant's eyesight, his or her ability to read and
3 understand official traffic control devices, his or her
4 knowledge of safe driving practices and the traffic laws of
5 this State, and may include an actual demonstration of the
6 applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable
7 control of the operation of a motor vehicle, and such further
8 physical and mental examination as the Secretary of State
9 finds necessary to determine the applicant's fitness to
10 operate a motor vehicle safely on the highways, ~~except the~~
11 ~~examination of an applicant 75 years of age or older or, if the~~
12 ~~Secretary adopts rules under Section 37 of the Secretary of~~
13 ~~State Act to raise the age requirement for actual~~
14 ~~demonstrations, the examination of an applicant who has~~
15 ~~attained that increased age or is older shall include an~~
16 ~~actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise~~
17 ~~ordinary and reasonable control of the operation of a motor~~
18 ~~vehicle.~~ All portions of written and verbal examinations under
19 this Section, excepting where the English language appears on
20 facsimiles of road signs, may be given in the Spanish language
21 and, at the discretion of the Secretary of State, in any other
22 language as well as in English upon request of the examinee.
23 Deaf persons who are otherwise qualified are not prohibited
24 from being issued a license, other than a commercial driver's
25 license, under this Code.

26 (c) Re-examination for those applicants who at the time of

1 renewing their driver's license possess a driving record
2 devoid of any convictions of traffic violations or evidence of
3 committing an offense for which mandatory revocation would be
4 required upon conviction pursuant to Section 6-205 at the time
5 of renewal shall be in a manner prescribed by the Secretary in
6 order to determine an applicant's ability to safely operate a
7 motor vehicle, ~~except that every applicant for the renewal of~~
8 ~~a driver's license who is 75 years of age or older or, if the~~
9 ~~Secretary adopts rules under Section 37 of the Secretary of~~
10 ~~State Act to raise the age requirement for actual~~
11 ~~demonstrations, every applicant for the renewal of a driver's~~
12 ~~license who has attained that increased age or is older must~~
13 ~~prove, by an actual demonstration, the applicant's ability to~~
14 ~~exercise reasonable care in the safe operation of a motor~~
15 ~~vehicle.~~

16 (d) In the event the applicant is not ineligible under the
17 provisions of Section 6-103 to receive a driver's license, the
18 Secretary of State shall make provision for giving an
19 examination, either in the county where the applicant resides
20 or at a place adjacent thereto reasonably convenient to the
21 applicant, within not more than 30 days from the date said
22 application is received.

23 (e) The Secretary of State may adopt rules regarding the
24 use of foreign language interpreters during the application
25 and examination process.

26 (Source: P.A. 103-140, eff. 6-30-23.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
2 1, 2025.".