

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 11-703 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 (e) A person driving a motor vehicle shall not, in a  
12 reckless manner, drive the motor vehicle unnecessarily  
13 close to, toward, or near a bicyclist, pedestrian, or a  
14 person riding a horse or driving an animal drawn vehicle.

15 (f) Every person convicted of paragraph (e) of this  
16 Section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if the  
17 violation does not result in great bodily harm or permanent  
18 disability or disfigurement to another. If the violation  
19 results in great bodily harm or permanent disability or  
20 disfigurement to another, the person shall be guilty of a  
21 Class 3 felony.

22 (Source: P.A. 95-231, eff. 1-1-08.)