

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 8-101 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/8-101) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 8-101)

7 Sec. 8-101. Proof of financial responsibility - Persons who  
8 operate motor vehicles in transportation of passengers for  
9 hire.

10 (a) It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to  
11 operate any motor vehicle along or upon any public street or  
12 highway in any incorporated city, town or village in this State  
13 for the carriage of passengers for hire, accepting and  
14 discharging all such persons as may offer themselves for  
15 transportation unless such person, firm or corporation has  
16 given, and there is in full force and effect and on file with  
17 the Secretary of State of Illinois, proof of financial  
18 responsibility provided in this Act.

19 (b) In addition this Section shall also apply to persons,  
20 firms or corporations who are in the business of providing  
21 transportation services for minors to or from educational or  
22 recreational facilities, except that this Section shall not  
23 apply to public utilities subject to regulation under "An Act

1 concerning public utilities," approved June 29, 1921, as  
2 amended, or to school buses which are operated by public or  
3 parochial schools and are engaged solely in the transportation  
4 of the pupils who attend such schools.

5 (c) This Section also applies to a contract carrier  
6 transporting employees in the course of their employment on a  
7 highway of this State in a vehicle designed to carry 15 or  
8 fewer passengers. As part of proof of financial responsibility,  
9 a contract carrier transporting employees, including but not  
10 limited to railroad employees, in the course of their  
11 employment is required to verify hit and run and uninsured  
12 motor vehicle coverage, as provided in Section 143a of the  
13 Illinois Insurance Code, and underinsured motor vehicle  
14 coverage, as provided in Section 143a-2 of the Illinois  
15 Insurance Code, in a total amount of not less than \$250,000 per  
16 passenger, except that beginning on January 1, 2017 the total  
17 amount shall be not less than \$500,000 per passenger.

18 (d) This Section shall not apply to any person  
19 participating in a ridesharing arrangement or operating a  
20 commuter van, but only during the performance of activities  
21 authorized by the Ridesharing Arrangements Act.

22 (e) If the person operating such motor vehicle is not the  
23 owner, then proof of financial responsibility filed hereunder  
24 must provide that the owner is primarily liable.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-319, eff. 1-1-06.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.