

1 AN ACT regarding vehicles.

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
5 changing Section 7-601 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/7-601) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 7-601)

7 Sec. 7-601. Required liability insurance policy.

8 (a) No person may ~~shall~~ operate, register or maintain
9 registration of, and no owner may ~~shall~~ permit another person
10 to operate, register or maintain registration of, a motor
11 vehicle designed to be used on a public highway unless the
12 motor vehicle is covered by a liability insurance policy.

13 The insurance policy shall be issued in amounts no less
14 than the minimum amounts set for bodily injury or death and
15 for destruction of property under Section 7-203 of this Code,
16 and shall be issued in accordance with the requirements of
17 Sections 143a and 143a-2 of the Illinois Insurance Code, as
18 amended. No insurer other than an insurer authorized to do
19 business in this State shall issue a policy pursuant to this
20 Section for any vehicle subject to registration under this
21 Code. Nothing herein shall deprive an insurer of any policy
22 defense available at common law.

23 (b) The following vehicles are exempt from the
24 requirements of this Section:

25 (1) vehicles subject to the provisions of Chapters
26 8 or 18a, Article III or Section 7-609 of Chapter 7, or
27 Sections 12-606 or 12-707.01 of Chapter 12 of this Code;

28 (2) vehicles required to file proof of liability
29 insurance with the Illinois Commerce Commission;

30 (3) vehicles covered by a certificate of
31 self-insurance under Section 7-502 of this Code;

1 (4) vehicles owned by the United States, the State
2 of Illinois, or any political subdivision, municipality
3 or local mass transit district;

4 (5) implements of husbandry;

5 (6) other vehicles complying with laws which
6 require them to be insured in amounts meeting or
7 exceeding the minimum amounts required under this
8 Section; and

9 (7) inoperable or stored vehicles that are not
10 operated, as defined by rules and regulations of the
11 Secretary.

12 (c) Every employee of a State agency, as that term is
13 defined in the Illinois State Auditing Act, who is assigned a
14 specific vehicle owned or leased by the State on an ongoing
15 basis shall provide the certification described in this
16 Section annually to the director or chief executive officer
17 of his or her agency.

18 The certification shall affirm that the employee is duly
19 licensed to drive the assigned vehicle and that (i) the
20 employee has liability insurance coverage extending to the
21 employee when the assigned vehicle is used for other than
22 official State business, or (ii) the employee has filed a
23 bond with the Secretary of State as proof of financial
24 responsibility, in an amount equal to, or in excess of the
25 requirements stated within this Section. Upon request of the
26 agency director or chief executive officer, the employee
27 shall present evidence to support the certification.

28 The certification shall be provided during the period
29 July 1 through July 31 of each calendar year, or within 30
30 days of any new assignment of a vehicle on an ongoing basis,
31 whichever is later.

32 The employee's authorization to use the assigned vehicle
33 shall automatically be rescinded upon:

34 (1) the revocation or suspension of the license

1 required to drive the assigned vehicle;

2 (2) the cancellation or termination for any reason
3 of the automobile liability insurance coverage as
4 required in item (c) (i); or

5 (3) the termination of the bond filed with the
6 Secretary of State.

7 All State employees providing the required certification
8 shall immediately notify the agency director or chief
9 executive officer in the event any of these actions occur.

10 All peace officers employed by a State agency who are
11 primarily responsible for prevention and detection of crime
12 and the enforcement of the criminal, traffic, or highway laws
13 of this State, and prohibited by agency rule or policy to use
14 an assigned vehicle owned or leased by the State for regular
15 personal or off-duty use, are exempt from the requirements of
16 this Section.

17 (Source: P.A. 91-661, eff. 12-22-99.)