

## **NEW TRAFFIC SAFETY LAWS**

### **Effective January 1, 2017**

#### **Vehicle Registration Fee Waived for Combat Veterans**

SB 1603 (Public Act 99-0032)

The vehicle registration fee is waived for one year for returning active duty combat veteran beginning with 2017 registration.

#### **Blue Lights on Motorcycles**

HB 4105 (Public Act 99-0598)

Motorcycles may be equipped with a blue light or lights located on the rear of the motorcycle as a part of the motorcycle's rear stop lamp or lamps.

#### **Route 66 License Plate for Motorcycles**

HB 4315 (Public Act 0865)

Route 66 license plates are now available for motorcycles. The proceeds support the Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project.

#### **License Plate for Deceased Military Spouse**

HB 4433 (Public Act 0805)

The spouse of a deceased military service member who has military service plates on his/her vehicle may retain the plates if the spouse lives in Illinois and transfers the registration within 180 days.

#### **Firefighter Memorial License Plate for Motorcycles**

HB 5649 (Public Act 99-0812)

Firefighter Memorial license plates are now available for motorcycles. The proceeds from the sale of the license plates go to help support the Illinois Firefighter Memorial Fund.

#### **Vehicle Registration Expiration on the Owner's Birthday**

HB 5651 (Public Act 99-0644)

The Secretary of State may allow the owner of a passenger vehicle or truck to select their birthday as the vehicle's registration expiration date.

#### **Mandatory Insurance Conviction**

HB 5723 (Public Act 99-0613)

The first conviction of no vehicle insurance is a petty offense unless the person has been convicted of the same offense three or more times.

### **Bicycle Right of Way**

HB 5912 (Public Act 99-0785)

A person riding a bicycle has all the rights applicable to the driver of a vehicle, including those regarding the right-of-way.

### **Move Over for Disabled Vehicles**

HB 6006 (Public Act 99-0681)

A driver approaching a disabled vehicle using hazard lights on a 4-lane highway must, if possible, make a lane change away or reduce speed if unable to change lanes. This law previously required this maneuver only for emergency vehicles with lights flashing.

### **Vehicle Endangerment**

HB 6010 (Public Act 99-0656)

Vehicular endangerment occurs when a person causes an object to fall from an overpass or other elevated location in the direction of a moving vehicle with the intent to strike it.

### **Driver Education Must Include Information on Interaction With Law Enforcement**

HB 6131 (Public Act 99-0720)

Driver education courses (both high school and commercial schools) must include instruction concerning law enforcement procedures for traffic stops.

### **Veterans' Home License Plate Decal**

HB 6149 (Public Act 99-0814)

Illinois' universal specialty plates shall create a decal supporting Illinois veterans' homes. The proceeds from the sale of the license plate decal go to help support the Illinois Veterans' Homes Fund.

### **Cook County Accelerated Court Resolution Program**

HB 6190 (Public Act 99-0724)

A person charged with certain traffic offenses (excluding DUI, any offense involving bodily harm or a Class 4 felony involving drugs) is eligible for Cook County Accelerated Court Resolution Program.

### **Multi-Function School Bus Use**

SB 1582 (Public Act 99-0888)

A student in grades K-12 may be transported in a multi-function school bus for any curriculum-related activity except for regular bus routes between home and school.

### **Chicago Police Memorial Specialty Plate for motorcycles**

SB 2431 (Public Act 99-0815)

Chicago Police Memorial license plates are now available for motorcycles. The proceeds from the sale of the license plates go to help support the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation Fund.

### **Railroad Crossing Violations**

SB 2806 (Public Act 99-0663)

A driver approaching a railroad crossing where a stop is required and does not stop within 50 feet but not less than 15 feet from the nearest rail, commits a petty offense with a \$500 fine (previously \$250) for the first violation and a \$1,000 fine (previously \$500) for any subsequent violations.

### **Stopping for a School Bus**

SB 2835 (Public Act 99-0740)

A vehicle is required to stop before meeting or overtaking, from either direction, any school bus stopped on a public school highway, roadway, private road, parking lot, school property, or at any other location, including a location that is not a highway or roadway (rather than any location, including highways on public school property) for the purpose of receiving or discharging pupils.