

# NEW ILLINOIS DRIVING LAWS

## EFFECTIVE July 1, 2007

An unmarried person under 18 years of age may have their driver's license cancelled or the Secretary of State's office may refuse to issue a driver's license or permit to an individual who fails to maintain school attendance.

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### CURRENT LAW

### 2008 CHANGES

<p><b>Learner's permit stage:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of three months</li> </ul>	<p><b>Learner's permit stage:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 9 months. Anyone who holds a valid permit prior to January 1, 2008 will be allowed to follow the 3 month minimum.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Night restrictions (under18):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday – Thursday: 11 p.m.</li> <li>• Friday – Saturday: midnight</li> </ul>	<p><b>Night restrictions (under18):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday – Thursday: 10 p.m.</li> <li>• Friday – Saturday: 11 p.m. *Some exceptions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Passenger restrictions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For first six months of intermediate license: no more than one teenage passenger, except immediate family</li> <li>• Applies to 16-years-olds</li> </ul>	<p><b>Passenger restrictions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restrictions extended to first 12 months of intermediate driver's license</li> </ul>
<p>Driver can be ticketed for having extra passengers in vehicle beyond restrictions</p>	<p>Allows ticketing for all passengers age 15 to 20 for riding in the car driven by the new driver.</p>
<p><b>Keeping a clean record:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First violation: Secretary of State sends warning letter to under 18 drivers and parents</li> <li>• Two violations in two-year span: one-month suspension</li> </ul>	<p><b>Additional requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teens with learner's permits need clean record for nine months to get intermediate license</li> <li>• Intermediate license holders need clean record for six months to apply for full licensure</li> </ul>
<p><b>When teenagers receive traffic violations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents do not have to attend court hearings</li> <li>• Mail-in court supervision, which allows driver to avoid a conviction, is acceptable</li> </ul>	<p><b>When teenagers receive traffic violations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents must attend hearings when 16-17 year-olds request court supervision</li> <li>• Drivers under 21 must attend traffic school to get court supervision</li> <li>• No more mail-in supervision</li> </ul>