



TRAFFIC ALERT



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New Traffic Laws 2011

“No driver has any business driving over 100 miles-per-hour on the interstate,” said Secretary of State, Jesse White. “Excessive speeders pose a greater risk to the public and such reckless behavior does not merit court supervision.”

Published reports show that more than 40 percent of drivers ticketed statewide since 2006 for driving in excess of 100 miles-per-hour received court supervision. In the Chicago land area, 63 percent received court supervision. Legislation proposed by Secretary of State, Jesse White to crack down on excessive speeders was signed into law by Governor Pat Quinn, effective Jan. 1, 2011.

- **Illinois Vehicle Code: “Excessive Speeding” 625 ILCS 5/11-601.5(b):**

The new law defines excessive speeding as exceeding 40 mph or more above the limit. The penalties include fines up to \$2,500.00 and a year in jail. Court supervision will no longer be available, meaning you can't keep it off your record by paying the fine and completing driving school.

Per the Child Passenger Protection Act; Any person who is transporting a child in this state under the age of 8 years of age, shall be responsible for providing for the protection of such child by properly securing him or her in an appropriate child restraint system.

- **Illinois Vehicle Code: “Child Passenger Protection Violation” 625 ILCS 25/4:**

The new law states that if a person is in violation of section 4 of this act for the **first time**, he/she may schedule a child safety seat instructional course with a certified child safety seat technician. The instructional course shall include instruction on the proper installation of a child restraint system and an inspection of the child restraint system. The technician shall notify the person that the instructional course must be completed prior to the mandatory court appearance date on the person's citation for this violation. The Illinois Department of Transportation has created a form for all CPS technicians to complete for the violators of the above traffic code. The violators must bring the completed form with them to their first court appearance proving that they have met the necessary requirements