

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 Sections 3-401 and 15-301 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-401) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-401)

7 Sec. 3-401. Effect of provisions.

8 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any  
9 provision of this Chapter or to drive or move or for an owner  
10 knowingly to permit to be driven or moved upon any highway any  
11 vehicle of a type required to be registered hereunder which is  
12 not registered or for which the appropriate fee has not been  
13 paid when and as required hereunder, except that when  
14 application accompanied by proper fee has been made for  
15 registration of a vehicle it may be operated temporarily  
16 pending complete registration upon displaying a duplicate  
17 application duly verified or other evidence of such application  
18 or otherwise under rules and regulations promulgated by the  
19 Secretary of State.

20 (b) The appropriate fees required to be paid under the  
21 various provisions of this Act for registration of vehicles  
22 shall mean the fee or fees which would have been paid  
23 initially, if proper and timely application had been made to

1 the Secretary of State for the appropriate registration  
2 required, whether such registration be a flat weight  
3 registration, a single trip permit, a reciprocity permit or a  
4 supplemental application to an original prorate application  
5 together with payment of fees due under the supplemental  
6 application for prorate decals.

7 (c) Effective October 1, 1984, no vehicle required to pay a  
8 Federal Highway Users Tax shall be registered unless proof of  
9 payment, in a form prescribed and approved by the Secretary of  
10 State, is submitted with the appropriate registration.  
11 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, failure of  
12 the applicant to comply with this paragraph shall be deemed  
13 grounds for the Secretary to refuse registration.

14 (c-1) A vehicle may not be registered by the Secretary of  
15 State unless that vehicle:

16 (1) was originally manufactured for operation on  
17 highways;

18 (2) is a modification of a vehicle that was originally  
19 manufactured for operation on highways; or

20 (3) was assembled from component parts designed for use  
21 in vehicles to be operated on highways.

22 (d) Second division vehicles.

23 (1) A vehicle of the second division moved or operated  
24 within this State shall have had paid for it the  
25 appropriate registration fees and flat weight tax, as  
26 evidenced by the Illinois registration issued for that

1 vehicle, for the gross weight of the vehicle and load being  
2 operated or moved within this State. Second division  
3 vehicles of foreign jurisdictions operated within this  
4 State under a single trip permit, fleet reciprocity plan,  
5 prorate registration plan, or apportioned registration  
6 plan, instead of second division vehicle registration  
7 under Article VIII of this Chapter, must have had paid for  
8 it the appropriate registration fees and flat weight tax in  
9 the base jurisdiction of that vehicle, as evidenced by the  
10 maximum gross weight shown on the foreign registration  
11 cards, plus any appropriate fees required under this Code.

12 (2) If a vehicle and load are operated in this State  
13 and the appropriate fees and taxes have not been paid or  
14 the vehicle and load exceed the registered gross weight for  
15 which the required fees and taxes have been paid by 2001  
16 pounds or more, the operator or owner shall be fined as  
17 provided in Section 15-113 of this Code. However, an owner  
18 or operator shall not be subject to arrest under this  
19 subsection for any weight in excess of 80,000 pounds.  
20 Further, no fine shall exceed the actual cost of what the  
21 appropriate registration for that vehicle and load should  
22 have been as established in subsection (a) of Section 3-815  
23 of this Chapter regardless of the route traveled. For  
24 purposes of this paragraph (2), "appropriate registration"  
25 means the full annual cost of the required registration and  
26 its associated fees.

1           (3) Any person operating a legal combination of  
2 vehicles displaying valid registration shall not be  
3 considered in violation of the registration provision of  
4 this subsection unless the total gross weight of the  
5 combination exceeds the total licensed weight of the  
6 vehicles in the combination. The gross weight of a vehicle  
7 exempt from the registration requirements of this Chapter  
8 shall not be included when determining the total gross  
9 weight of vehicles in combination. Any vehicle operating  
10 under an emergency harvest permit, as described in  
11 subsection (e-1) of Section 15-301 of this Code, shall not  
12 be in violation of this paragraph (3).

13           (4) If the defendant claims that he or she had  
14 previously paid the appropriate Illinois registration fees  
15 and taxes for this vehicle before the alleged violation,  
16 the defendant shall have the burden of proving the  
17 existence of the payment by competent evidence. Proof of  
18 proper Illinois registration issued by the Secretary of  
19 State, or the appropriate registration authority from the  
20 foreign state, shall be the only competent evidence of  
21 payment.

22 (Source: P.A. 97-201, eff. 1-1-12.)

23 (625 ILCS 5/15-301) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-301)

24 Sec. 15-301. Permits for excess size and weight.

25 (a) The Department with respect to highways under its

1 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways  
2 under their jurisdiction may, in their discretion, upon  
3 application and good cause being shown therefor, issue a  
4 special permit authorizing the applicant to operate or move a  
5 vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of  
6 vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this Act or  
7 otherwise not in conformity with this Act upon any highway  
8 under the jurisdiction of the party granting such permit and  
9 for the maintenance of which the party is responsible.  
10 Applications and permits other than those in written or printed  
11 form may only be accepted from and issued to the company or  
12 individual making the movement. Except for an application to  
13 move directly across a highway, it shall be the duty of the  
14 applicant to establish in the application that the load to be  
15 moved by such vehicle or combination cannot reasonably be  
16 dismantled or disassembled, the reasonableness of which shall  
17 be determined by the Secretary of the Department. For the  
18 purpose of over length movements, more than one object may be  
19 carried side by side as long as the height, width, and weight  
20 laws are not exceeded and the cause for the over length is not  
21 due to multiple objects. For the purpose of over height  
22 movements, more than one object may be carried as long as the  
23 cause for the over height is not due to multiple objects and  
24 the length, width, and weight laws are not exceeded. For the  
25 purpose of an over width movement, more than one object may be  
26 carried as long as the cause for the over width is not due to

1 multiple objects and length, height, and weight laws are not  
2 exceeded. Except for transporting fluid milk products, no State  
3 or local agency shall authorize the issuance of excess size or  
4 weight permits for vehicles and loads that are divisible and  
5 that can be carried, when divided, within the existing size or  
6 weight maximums specified in this Chapter. Any excess size or  
7 weight permit issued in violation of the provisions of this  
8 Section shall be void at issue and any movement made thereunder  
9 shall not be authorized under the terms of the void permit. In  
10 any prosecution for a violation of this Chapter when the  
11 authorization of an excess size or weight permit is at issue,  
12 it is the burden of the defendant to establish that the permit  
13 was valid because the load to be moved could not reasonably be  
14 dismantled or disassembled, or was otherwise nondivisible.

15 (b) The application for any such permit shall: (1) state  
16 whether such permit is requested for a single trip or for  
17 limited continuous operation; (2) state if the applicant is an  
18 authorized carrier under the Illinois Motor Carrier of Property  
19 Law, if so, his certificate, registration or permit number  
20 issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission; (3) specifically  
21 describe and identify the vehicle or vehicles and load to be  
22 operated or moved except that for vehicles or vehicle  
23 combinations registered by the Department as provided in  
24 Section 15-319 of this Chapter, only the Illinois Department of  
25 Transportation's (IDT) registration number or classification  
26 need be given; (4) state the routing requested including the

1 points of origin and destination, and may identify and include  
2 a request for routing to the nearest certified scale in  
3 accordance with the Department's rules and regulations,  
4 provided the applicant has approval to travel on local roads;  
5 and (5) state if the vehicles or loads are being transported  
6 for hire. No permits for the movement of a vehicle or load for  
7 hire shall be issued to any applicant who is required under the  
8 Illinois Motor Carrier of Property Law to have a certificate,  
9 registration or permit and does not have such certificate,  
10 registration or permit.

11 (c) The Department or local authority when not inconsistent  
12 with traffic safety is authorized to issue or withhold such  
13 permit at its discretion; or, if such permit is issued at its  
14 discretion to prescribe the route or routes to be traveled, to  
15 limit the number of trips, to establish seasonal or other time  
16 limitations within which the vehicles described may be operated  
17 on the highways indicated, or otherwise to limit or prescribe  
18 conditions of operations of such vehicle or vehicles, when  
19 necessary to assure against undue damage to the road  
20 foundations, surfaces or structures, and may require such  
21 undertaking or other security as may be deemed necessary to  
22 compensate for any injury to any roadway or road structure. The  
23 Department shall maintain a daily record of each permit issued  
24 along with the fee and the stipulated dimensions, weights,  
25 conditions and restrictions authorized and this record shall be  
26 presumed correct in any case of questions or dispute. The

1 Department shall install an automatic device for recording  
2 applications received and permits issued by telephone. In  
3 making application by telephone, the Department and applicant  
4 waive all objections to the recording of the conversation.

5 (d) The Department shall, upon application in writing from  
6 any local authority, issue an annual permit authorizing the  
7 local authority to move oversize highway construction,  
8 transportation, utility and maintenance equipment over roads  
9 under the jurisdiction of the Department. The permit shall be  
10 applicable only to equipment and vehicles owned by or  
11 registered in the name of the local authority, and no fee shall  
12 be charged for the issuance of such permits.

13 (e) As an exception to paragraph (a) of this Section, the  
14 Department and local authorities, with respect to highways  
15 under their respective jurisdictions, in their discretion and  
16 upon application in writing may issue a special permit for  
17 limited continuous operation, authorizing the applicant to  
18 move loads of agricultural commodities on a 2 axle single  
19 vehicle registered by the Secretary of State with axle loads  
20 not to exceed 35%, on a 3 or 4 axle vehicle registered by the  
21 Secretary of State with axle loads not to exceed 20%, and on a  
22 5 axle vehicle registered by the Secretary of State not to  
23 exceed 10% above those provided in Section 15-111. The total  
24 gross weight of the vehicle, however, may not exceed the  
25 maximum gross weight of the registration class of the vehicle  
26 allowed under Section 3-815 or 3-818 of this Code.



1 As used in this Section, "agricultural commodities" means:

2 (1) cultivated plants or agricultural produce grown  
3 including, but is not limited to, corn, soybeans, wheat,  
4 oats, grain sorghum, canola, and rice;

5 (2) livestock, including but not limited to hogs,  
6 equine, sheep, and poultry;

7 (3) ensilage; and

8 (4) fruits and vegetables.

9 Permits may be issued for a period not to exceed 40 days  
10 and moves may be made of a distance not to exceed 50 miles from  
11 a field, an on-farm grain storage facility, a warehouse as  
12 defined in the Illinois Grain Code, or a livestock management  
13 facility as defined in the Livestock Management Facilities Act  
14 over any highway except the National System of Interstate and  
15 Defense Highways. The operator of the vehicle, however, must  
16 abide by posted bridge and posted highway weight limits. All  
17 implements of husbandry operating under this Section between  
18 sunset and sunrise shall be equipped as prescribed in Section  
19 12-205.1.

20 (e-1) Upon a declaration by the Governor that an emergency  
21 harvest situation exists, a special permit issued by the  
22 Department under this Section shall ~~not~~ be required from  
23 September 1 through December 31 during harvest season  
24 emergencies for a vehicle that exceeds the maximum axle weight  
25 and gross weight limits under Section 15-111 of this Code or  
26 exceeds the vehicle's registered gross weight, provided that

1 the vehicle's axle weight and gross weight do not exceed 10%  
2 above the maximum limits under Section 15-111 of this Code and  
3 does not exceed the vehicle's registered gross weight by 10%.  
4 All other restrictions that apply to permits issued under this  
5 Section shall apply during the declared time period and no fee  
6 shall be charged for the issuance of those permits. Permits  
7 issued by the Department under this subsection (e-1) are only  
8 valid on federal and State highways under the jurisdiction of  
9 the Department, except interstate highways. ~~the weight does not~~  
10 ~~exceed 20% above the limits provided in Section 15-111. All~~  
11 ~~other restrictions that apply to permits issued under this~~  
12 ~~Section shall apply during the declared time period.~~ With  
13 respect to highways under the jurisdiction of local  
14 authorities, the local authorities may, at their discretion,  
15 waive special permit requirements during harvest season  
16 emergencies, and set a divisible load weight limit not to  
17 exceed 10% above a vehicle's registered gross weight, provided  
18 that the vehicle's axle weight and gross weight do not exceed  
19 10% above the maximum limits specified in Section 15-111.  
20 Permits issued under this subsection (e-1) ~~This permit~~  
21 ~~exemption~~ shall apply to all registered vehicles eligible to  
22 obtain permits under this Section, including ~~commercial~~  
23 vehicles used in private or for-hire movement of divisible load  
24 agricultural commodities ~~in use~~ during the declared time  
25 period.

26 (f) The form and content of the permit shall be determined

1 by the Department with respect to highways under its  
2 jurisdiction and by local authorities with respect to highways  
3 under their jurisdiction. Every permit shall be in written form  
4 and carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which  
5 it refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer  
6 or authorized agent of any authority granting the permit and no  
7 person shall violate any of the terms or conditions of such  
8 special permit. Violation of the terms and conditions of the  
9 permit shall not be deemed a revocation of the permit; however,  
10 any vehicle and load found to be off the route prescribed in  
11 the permit shall be held to be operating without a permit. Any  
12 off route vehicle and load shall be required to obtain a new  
13 permit or permits, as necessary, to authorize the movement back  
14 onto the original permit routing. No rule or regulation, nor  
15 anything herein shall be construed to authorize any police  
16 officer, court, or authorized agent of any authority granting  
17 the permit to remove the permit from the possession of the  
18 permittee unless the permittee is charged with a fraudulent  
19 permit violation as provided in paragraph (i). However, upon  
20 arrest for an offense of violation of permit, operating without  
21 a permit when the vehicle is off route, or any size or weight  
22 offense under this Chapter when the permittee plans to raise  
23 the issuance of the permit as a defense, the permittee, or his  
24 agent, must produce the permit at any court hearing concerning  
25 the alleged offense.

26 If the permit designates and includes a routing to a

1 certified scale, the permittee, while enroute to the designated  
2 scale, shall be deemed in compliance with the weight provisions  
3 of the permit provided the axle or gross weights do not exceed  
4 any of the permitted limits by more than the following amounts:

5           Single axle                           2000 pounds

6           Tandem axle                         3000 pounds

7           Gross                                 5000 pounds

8           (g) The Department is authorized to adopt, amend, and to  
9 make available to interested persons a policy concerning  
10 reasonable rules, limitations and conditions or provisions of  
11 operation upon highways under its jurisdiction in addition to  
12 those contained in this Section for the movement by special  
13 permit of vehicles, combinations, or loads which cannot  
14 reasonably be dismantled or disassembled, including  
15 manufactured and modular home sections and portions thereof.  
16 All rules, limitations and conditions or provisions adopted in  
17 the policy shall have due regard for the safety of the  
18 traveling public and the protection of the highway system and  
19 shall have been promulgated in conformity with the provisions  
20 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The requirements  
21 of the policy for flagmen and escort vehicles shall be the same  
22 for all moves of comparable size and weight. When escort  
23 vehicles are required, they shall meet the following  
24 requirements:

25           (1) All operators shall be 18 years of age or over and  
26           properly licensed to operate the vehicle.

1           (2) Vehicles escorting oversized loads more than  
2           12-feet wide must be equipped with a rotating or flashing  
3           amber light mounted on top as specified under Section  
4           12-215.

5           The Department shall establish reasonable rules and  
6           regulations regarding liability insurance or self insurance  
7           for vehicles with oversized loads promulgated under the  
8           Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Police vehicles may be  
9           required for escort under circumstances as required by rules  
10          and regulations of the Department.

11          (h) Violation of any rule, limitation or condition or  
12          provision of any permit issued in accordance with the  
13          provisions of this Section shall not render the entire permit  
14          null and void but the violator shall be deemed guilty of  
15          violation of permit and guilty of exceeding any size, weight or  
16          load limitations in excess of those authorized by the permit.  
17          The prescribed route or routes on the permit are not mere  
18          rules, limitations, conditions, or provisions of the permit,  
19          but are also the sole extent of the authorization granted by  
20          the permit. If a vehicle and load are found to be off the route  
21          or routes prescribed by any permit authorizing movement, the  
22          vehicle and load are operating without a permit. Any off route  
23          movement shall be subject to the size and weight maximums,  
24          under the applicable provisions of this Chapter, as determined  
25          by the type or class highway upon which the vehicle and load  
26          are being operated.

1           (i) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made under  
2 a fraudulent permit the permit shall be void, and the person,  
3 firm, or corporation to whom such permit was granted, the  
4 driver of such vehicle in addition to the person who issued  
5 such permit and any accessory, shall be guilty of fraud and  
6 either one or all persons may be prosecuted for such violation.  
7 Any person, firm, or corporation committing such violation  
8 shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony and the Department shall  
9 not issue permits to the person, firm or corporation convicted  
10 of such violation for a period of one year after the date of  
11 conviction. Penalties for violations of this Section shall be  
12 in addition to any penalties imposed for violation of other  
13 Sections of this Act.

14           (j) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made in  
15 violation of a permit issued in accordance with this Section,  
16 the person to whom such permit was granted, or the driver of  
17 such vehicle, is guilty of such violation and either, but not  
18 both, persons may be prosecuted for such violation as stated in  
19 this subsection (j). Any person, firm or corporation convicted  
20 of such violation shall be guilty of a petty offense and shall  
21 be fined for the first offense, not less than \$50 nor more than  
22 \$200 and, for the second offense by the same person, firm or  
23 corporation within a period of one year, not less than \$200 nor  
24 more than \$300 and, for the third offense by the same person,  
25 firm or corporation within a period of one year after the date  
26 of the first offense, not less than \$300 nor more than \$500 and

1 the Department shall not issue permits to the person, firm or  
2 corporation convicted of a third offense during a period of one  
3 year after the date of conviction for such third offense.

4 (k) Whenever any vehicle is operated on local roads under  
5 permits for excess width or length issued by local authorities,  
6 such vehicle may be moved upon a State highway for a distance  
7 not to exceed one-half mile without a permit for the purpose of  
8 crossing the State highway.

9 (l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,  
10 the Department, with respect to highways under its  
11 jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to highways  
12 under their jurisdiction, may at their discretion authorize the  
13 movement of a vehicle in violation of any size or weight  
14 requirement, or both, that would not ordinarily be eligible for  
15 a permit, when there is a showing of extreme necessity that the  
16 vehicle and load should be moved without unnecessary delay.

17 For the purpose of this subsection, showing of extreme  
18 necessity shall be limited to the following: shipments of  
19 livestock, hazardous materials, liquid concrete being hauled  
20 in a mobile cement mixer, or hot asphalt.

21 (m) Penalties for violations of this Section shall be in  
22 addition to any penalties imposed for violating any other  
23 Section of this Code.

24 (n) The Department with respect to highways under its  
25 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways  
26 under their jurisdiction, in their discretion and upon

1 application in writing, may issue a special permit for  
2 continuous limited operation, authorizing the applicant to  
3 operate a tow-truck that exceeds the weight limits provided for  
4 in subsection (a) of Section 15-111, provided:

5 (1) no rear single axle of the tow-truck exceeds 26,000  
6 pounds;

7 (2) no rear tandem axle of the tow-truck exceeds 50,000  
8 pounds;

9 (2.1) no triple rear axle on a manufactured recovery  
10 unit exceeds 60,000 pounds;

11 (3) neither the disabled vehicle nor the disabled  
12 combination of vehicles exceed the weight restrictions  
13 imposed by this Chapter 15, or the weight limits imposed  
14 under a permit issued by the Department prior to hookup;

15 (4) the tow-truck prior to hookup does not exceed the  
16 weight restrictions imposed by this Chapter 15;

17 (5) during the tow operation the tow-truck does not  
18 violate any weight restriction sign;

19 (6) the tow-truck is equipped with flashing, rotating,  
20 or oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet  
21 in all directions;

22 (7) the tow-truck is specifically designed and  
23 licensed as a tow-truck;

24 (8) the tow-truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of  
25 sufficient capacity to safely handle the load;

26 (9) the tow-truck is equipped with air brakes;



1           (10) the tow-truck is capable of utilizing the lighting  
2           and braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination  
3           of vehicles;

4           (11) the tow commences at the initial point of wreck or  
5           disablement and terminates at a point where the repairs are  
6           actually to occur;

7           (12) the permit issued to the tow-truck is carried in  
8           the tow-truck and exhibited on demand by a police officer;  
9           and

10          (13) the movement shall be valid only on state routes  
11          approved by the Department.

12          (o) (Blank).

13          (p) In determining whether a load may be reasonably  
14          dismantled or disassembled for the purpose of paragraph (a),  
15          the Department shall consider whether there is a significant  
16          negative impact on the condition of the pavement and structures  
17          along the proposed route, whether the load or vehicle as  
18          proposed causes a safety hazard to the traveling public,  
19          whether dismantling or disassembling the load promotes or  
20          stifles economic development and whether the proposed route  
21          travels less than 5 miles. A load is not required to be  
22          dismantled or disassembled for the purposes of paragraph (a) if  
23          the Secretary of the Department determines there will be no  
24          significant negative impact to pavement or structures along the  
25          proposed route, the proposed load or vehicle causes no safety  
26          hazard to the traveling public, dismantling or disassembling

1 the load does not promote economic development and the proposed  
2 route travels less than 5 miles. The Department may promulgate  
3 rules for the purpose of establishing the divisibility of a  
4 load pursuant to paragraph (a). Any load determined by the  
5 Secretary to be nondivisible shall otherwise comply with the  
6 existing size or weight maximums specified in this Chapter.  
7 (Source: P.A. 99-717, eff. 8-5-16.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
9 becoming law.