

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 Highway Code is amended by changing
5 Section 9-113.02 as follows:

6 (605 ILCS 5/9-113.02)

7 Sec. 9-113.02. Damage to State-owned or local
8 government-owned roadway property; highway and highway
9 property.

10 (a) Any agency or instrumentality of the State of Illinois
11 or unit of local government may seek recovery for the cost of
12 the repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed roadway
13 property. As used in this Section, "roadway property" includes
14 road safety equipment and emergency equipment. Depreciation
15 may not be used as a factor in determining the cost of the
16 damaged or destroyed roadway property for which recovery is
17 sought.

18 (b) Any agency or instrumentality of the State of Illinois
19 or unit of local government may seek recovery for the cost of
20 the repair of damaged or destroyed highways, highway
21 structures, or traffic-control devices that result from
22 operating, driving, or moving a truck tractor-semitrailer
23 combination exceeding 55 feet in overall dimension authorized

1 under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) or paragraph (1) of
2 subsection (f) of Section 15-107 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.
3 The measure of liability for the damage is the cost of
4 repairing the highway, highway structure, or traffic-control
5 device, or the depreciated replacement cost of a highway
6 structure or traffic-control device.

7 (Source: P.A. 97-373, eff. 1-1-12.)

8 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
9 changing Section 15-107 as follows:

10 (625 ILCS 5/15-107) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-107)

11 Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

12 (a) The maximum length of a single vehicle on any highway
13 of this State may not exceed 42 feet except the following:

14 (1) Semitrailers.

15 (2) Charter or regulated route buses may be up to 45
16 feet in length, not including energy absorbing bumpers.

17 (a-1) A motor home as defined in Section 1-145.01 may be up
18 to 45 feet in length, not including energy absorbing bumpers.
19 The length limitations described in this subsection (a-1) shall
20 be exclusive of energy-absorbing bumpers and rear view mirrors.

21 (b) On all non-State highways, the maximum length of
22 vehicles in combinations is as follows:

23 (1) A truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer
24 may not exceed 65 ~~55~~ feet overall dimension. An agency or

1 instrumentality of the State of Illinois or any unit of
2 local government shall not be required to widen or
3 otherwise alter a non-State highway constructed before the
4 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General
5 Assembly to accommodate truck tractors under this
6 paragraph (1).

7 (2) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
8 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer may not exceed 60 feet
9 overall dimension.

10 (3) Combinations specially designed to transport motor
11 vehicles or boats may not exceed 60 feet overall dimension.

12 (4) The distance between the kingpin and the center
13 axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in combination
14 with a truck tractor, may not exceed 42 feet 6 inches. The
15 limit contained in this paragraph (4) shall not apply to
16 trailers or semitrailers used for the transport of
17 livestock as defined by Section 18b-101.

18 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when transporting
19 poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural
20 nature that cannot readily be dismembered are exempt from
21 length limitations, provided that no object may exceed 80 feet
22 in length and the overall dimension of the vehicle including
23 the load may not exceed 100 feet. This exemption does not apply
24 to operation on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Legal
25 holidays referred to in this Section are the days on which the
26 following traditional holidays are celebrated: New Year's Day;

1 Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day;
2 and Christmas Day.

3 Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en
4 route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities or
5 properties are exempt from length limitations, provided that
6 during night operations every vehicle and its load must be
7 equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both
8 sides and marker lamps on the extreme ends of any projecting
9 load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

10 A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle or
11 combination of disabled vehicles, as provided in paragraph (6)
12 of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length
13 limitations.

14 All other combinations not listed in this subsection (b)
15 may not exceed 60 feet overall dimension.

16 (c) Except as provided in subsections (c-1) and (c-2),
17 combinations of vehicles may not exceed a total of 2 vehicles
18 except the following:

19 (1) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one trailer.

20 (2) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one converter
21 dolly or one semitrailer.

22 (3) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one vehicle
23 that is defined in Chapter 1 as special mobile equipment,
24 provided the overall dimension does not exceed 60 feet.

25 (4) A truck in transit may draw 3 trucks in transit
26 coupled together by the triple saddlemount method.

1 (5) Recreational vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,
2 provided the following:

3 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 60
4 feet.

5 (B) The towing vehicle is a properly registered
6 vehicle capable of towing another vehicle using a
7 fifth-wheel type assembly.

8 (C) The second vehicle in the combination of
9 vehicles is a recreational vehicle that is towed by a
10 fifth-wheel assembly. This vehicle must be properly
11 registered and must be equipped with brakes,
12 regardless of weight.

13 (D) The third vehicle must be the lightest of the 3
14 vehicles and be a trailer or semitrailer designed or
15 used for transporting a boat, all-terrain vehicle,
16 personal watercraft, or motorcycle.

17 (E) The towed vehicles may be only for the use of
18 the operator of the towing vehicle.

19 (F) All vehicles must be properly equipped with
20 operating brakes and safety equipment required by this
21 Code, except the additional brake requirement in
22 subdivision (C) of this subparagraph (5).

23 (6) A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle
24 or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the towing
25 vehicle:

26 (A) Is specifically designed as a tow truck having

1 a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000 pounds
2 and equipped with air brakes, provided that air brakes
3 are required only if the towing vehicle is towing a
4 vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer combination
5 that is equipped with air brakes. For the purpose of
6 this subsection, gross vehicle weight rating, or GVWR,
7 means the value specified by the manufacturer as the
8 loaded weight of the tow truck.

9 (B) Is equipped with flashing, rotating, or
10 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet
11 in all directions.

12 (C) Is capable of utilizing the lighting and
13 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
14 of vehicles.

15 (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway
16 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement to
17 a place of repair. Any additional movement of the
18 vehicles may occur only upon issuance of authorization
19 for that movement under the provisions of Sections
20 15-301 through 15-319 of this Code.

21 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe
22 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a
23 tow truck towing another vehicle.

24 For purposes of this Section, a tow-dolly that merely
25 serves as substitute wheels for another legally licensed
26 vehicle is considered part of the licensed vehicle and not

1 a separate vehicle.

2 (7) Commercial vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,
3 provided the following:

4 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 65
5 feet.

6 (B) The towing vehicle is a properly registered
7 vehicle capable of towing another vehicle using a
8 fifth-wheel type assembly or a goose-neck hitch ball.

9 (C) The third vehicle must be the lightest of the 3
10 vehicles and be a trailer or semitrailer.

11 (D) All vehicles must be properly equipped with
12 operating brakes and safety equipment required by this
13 Code.

14 (E) The combination of vehicles must be operated by
15 a person who holds a commercial driver's license (CDL).

16 (F) The combination of vehicles must be en route to
17 a location where new or used trailers are sold by an
18 Illinois or out-of-state licensed new or used trailer
19 dealer.

20 (c-1) A combination of 3 vehicles is allowed access to any
21 State designated highway if:

22 (1) the length of neither towed vehicle exceeds 28.5
23 feet;

24 (2) the overall wheel base of the combination of
25 vehicles does not exceed 62 feet; and

26 (3) the combination of vehicles is en route to a

1 location where new or used trailers are sold by an Illinois
2 or out-of-state licensed new or used trailer dealer.

3 (c-2) A combination of 3 vehicles is allowed access from
4 any State designated highway onto any county, township, or
5 municipal highway for a distance of 5 highway miles for the
6 purpose of delivery or collection of one or both of the towed
7 vehicles if:

8 (1) the length of neither towed vehicle exceeds 28.5
9 feet;

10 (2) the combination of vehicles does not exceed 40,000
11 pounds in gross weight and 8 feet 6 inches in width;

12 (3) there is no sign prohibiting that access;

13 (4) the route is not being used as a thoroughfare
14 between State designated highways; and

15 (5) the combination of vehicles is en route to a
16 location where new or used trailers are sold by an Illinois
17 or out-of-state licensed new or used trailer dealer.

18 (d) On Class I highways there are no overall length
19 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations
20 provided:

21 (1) The length of a semitrailer, unladen or with load,
22 in combination with a truck tractor may not exceed 53 feet.

23 (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center of
24 the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in
25 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet 6
26 inches. The limit contained in this paragraph (2) shall not

1 apply to trailers or semi-trailers used for the transport
2 of livestock as defined by Section 18b-101.

3 (3) The length of a semitrailer or trailer, unladen or
4 with load, operated in a truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer
5 or truck tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination, may
6 not exceed 28 feet 6 inches.

7 (4) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter 1,
8 may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

9 (5) Combinations of vehicles specifically designed to
10 transport motor vehicles or boats may not exceed 65 feet
11 overall dimension. The length limitation is inclusive of
12 front and rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of the
13 transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of this
14 Section.

15 (6) Stinger-steered ~~Stinger-steered~~ semitrailer
16 vehicles specifically designed to transport motor vehicles
17 or boats and automobile transporters, as defined in Chapter
18 1, may not exceed 80 feet overall dimension. The length
19 limitation is inclusive of front and rear bumpers but
20 exclusive of the overhang of the transported vehicles, as
21 provided in paragraph (i) of this Section.

22 (7) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled
23 together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed 97
24 feet overall dimension.

25 (8) A towaway trailer transporter combination may not
26 exceed 82 feet overall dimension.

1 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when transporting
2 poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural
3 nature that cannot readily be dismembered are exempt from
4 length limitations, provided that no object may exceed 80 feet
5 in length and the overall dimension of the vehicle including
6 the load may not exceed 100 feet. This exemption does not apply
7 to operation on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Legal
8 holidays referred to in this Section are the days on which the
9 following traditional holidays are celebrated: New Year's Day;
10 Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day;
11 and Christmas Day.

12 Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en
13 route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities or
14 properties are exempt from length limitations, provided that
15 during night operations every vehicle and its load must be
16 equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both
17 sides and marker lamps on the extreme ends of any projecting
18 load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

19 A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle or
20 combination of disabled vehicles, as provided in paragraph (6)
21 of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length
22 limitations.

23 The length limitations described in this paragraph (d)
24 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,
25 such as bumpers, refrigeration units or air compressors and
26 other devices, that the Department may interpret as necessary

1 for safe and efficient operation; except that no device
2 excluded under this paragraph shall have by its design or use
3 the capability to carry cargo.

4 Section 5-35 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act
5 relating to procedures for rulemaking shall not apply to the
6 designation of highways under this paragraph (d).

7 (e) On Class II highways there are no overall length
8 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations,
9 provided:

10 (1) The length of a semitrailer, unladen or with load,
11 in combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 53 feet
12 overall dimension.

13 (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center of
14 the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in
15 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet 6
16 inches. The limit contained in this paragraph (2) shall not
17 apply to trailers or semi-trailers used for the transport
18 of livestock as defined by Section 18b-101.

19 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
20 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may not exceed
21 65 feet in dimension from front axle to rear axle.

22 (4) The length of a semitrailer or trailer, unladen or
23 with load, operated in a truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer
24 or truck tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination, may
25 not exceed 28 feet 6 inches.

26 (5) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter 1,

1 may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

2 (6) A combination of vehicles, specifically designed
3 to transport motor vehicles or boats, may not exceed 65
4 feet overall dimension. The length limitation is inclusive
5 of front and rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of
6 the transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of
7 this Section.

8 (7) Stinger-steered ~~Stinger-steered~~ semitrailer
9 vehicles specifically designed to transport motor vehicles
10 or boats, may not exceed 80 feet overall dimension. The
11 length limitation is inclusive of front and rear bumpers
12 but exclusive of the overhang of the transported vehicles,
13 as provided in paragraph (i) of this Section.

14 (8) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled
15 together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed 97
16 feet overall dimension.

17 (9) A towaway trailer transporter combination may not
18 exceed 82 feet overall dimension.

19 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when transporting
20 poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural
21 nature that cannot readily be dismembered are exempt from
22 length limitations, provided that no object may exceed 80 feet
23 in length and the overall dimension of the vehicle including
24 the load may not exceed 100 feet. This exemption does not apply
25 to operation on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Legal
26 holidays referred to in this Section are the days on which the

1 following traditional holidays are celebrated: New Year's Day;
2 Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day;
3 and Christmas Day.

4 Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en
5 route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities or
6 properties are exempt from length limitations, provided that
7 during night operations every vehicle and its load must be
8 equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both
9 sides and marker lamps on the extreme ends of any projecting
10 load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

11 A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle or
12 combination of disabled vehicles, as provided in paragraph (6)
13 of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length
14 limitations.

15 Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways
16 under their jurisdiction, may also by ordinance or resolution
17 allow length limitations of this subsection (e).

18 The length limitations described in this paragraph (e)
19 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,
20 such as bumpers, refrigeration units or air compressors and
21 other devices, that the Department may interpret as necessary
22 for safe and efficient operation; except that no device
23 excluded under this paragraph shall have by its design or use
24 the capability to carry cargo.

25 Section 5-35 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act
26 relating to procedures for rulemaking shall not apply to the

1 designation of highways under this paragraph (e).

2 (e-1) Combinations of vehicles not exceeding 65 feet
3 overall length are allowed access as follows:

4 (1) From any State designated highway onto any county,
5 township, or municipal highway for a distance of 5 highway
6 miles for the purpose of loading and unloading, provided:

7 (A) The vehicle does not exceed 80,000 pounds in
8 gross weight and 8 feet 6 inches in width.

9 (B) There is no sign prohibiting that access.

10 (C) The route is not being used as a thoroughfare
11 between State designated highways.

12 (2) From any State designated highway onto any county
13 or township highway for a distance of 5 highway miles or
14 onto any municipal highway for a distance of one highway
15 mile for the purpose of food, fuel, repairs, and rest,
16 provided:

17 (A) The vehicle does not exceed 80,000 pounds in
18 gross weight and 8 feet 6 inches in width.

19 (B) There is no sign prohibiting that access.

20 (C) The route is not being used as a thoroughfare
21 between State designated highways.

22 (e-2) Except as provided in subsection (e-3), combinations
23 of vehicles over 65 feet in length, with no overall length
24 limitation except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of
25 this Section, are allowed access as follows:

26 (1) From a Class I highway onto any street or highway

1 for a distance of one highway mile for the purpose of
2 loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest,
3 provided there is no sign prohibiting that access.

4 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any State
5 highway or any locally designated highway for a distance of
6 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading, unloading,
7 food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

8 (e-3) Combinations of vehicles over 65 feet in length
9 operated by household goods carriers or towaway trailer
10 transporter combinations, with no overall length limitations
11 except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of this Section,
12 have unlimited access to points of loading, unloading, or
13 delivery to or from a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer.

14 (f) On Class III and other non-designated State highways,
15 the length limitations for vehicles in combination are as
16 follows:

17 (1) Truck tractor-semitrailer combinations~~7~~ must
18 comply with ~~either a maximum 55 feet overall wheel base or~~
19 a maximum 65 feet extreme overall dimension. An agency or
20 instrumentality of the State of Illinois or any unit of
21 local government shall not be required to widen or
22 otherwise alter a Class III or other non-designated State
23 highway constructed before the effective date of this
24 amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly to accommodate
25 truck tractor-semitrailer combinations under this
26 paragraph (1).

1 (2) Semitrailers, unladen or with load, may not exceed
2 53 feet overall dimension.

3 (3) No truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
4 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may exceed 60
5 feet extreme overall dimension.

6 (4) The distance between the kingpin and the center
7 axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in combination
8 with a truck tractor, may not exceed 42 feet 6 inches. The
9 limit contained in this paragraph (4) shall not apply to
10 trailers or semi-trailers used for the transport of
11 livestock as defined by Section 18b-101.

12 (g) Length limitations in the preceding subsections of this
13 Section 15-107 do not apply to the following:

14 (1) Vehicles operated in the daytime, except on
15 Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays, when transporting
16 poles, pipe, machinery, or other objects of a structural
17 nature that cannot readily be dismembered, provided the
18 overall length of vehicle and load may not exceed 100 feet
19 and no object exceeding 80 feet in length may be
20 transported unless a permit has been obtained as authorized
21 in Section 15-301.

22 (2) Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility
23 while en route to make emergency repairs to public service
24 facilities or properties, but during night operation every
25 vehicle and its load must be equipped with a sufficient
26 number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps

1 upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly
2 mark the dimensions of the load.

3 (3) A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle
4 or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the towing
5 vehicle meets the following conditions:

6 (A) It is specifically designed as a tow truck
7 having a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000
8 pounds and equipped with air brakes, provided that air
9 brakes are required only if the towing vehicle is
10 towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer
11 combination that is equipped with air brakes.

12 (B) It is equipped with flashing, rotating, or
13 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet
14 in all directions.

15 (C) It is capable of utilizing the lighting and
16 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
17 of vehicles.

18 (D) It does not engage in a tow exceeding 50 miles
19 from the initial point of wreck or disablement.

20 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe
21 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a tow
22 truck towing another vehicle. The towing vehicle, however, may
23 tow any disabled vehicle from the initial point of wreck or
24 disablement to a point where repairs are actually to occur.
25 This movement shall be valid only on State routes. The tower
26 must abide by posted bridge weight limits.

1 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight
2 rating, or GVWR, shall mean the value specified by the
3 manufacturer as the loaded weight of the tow truck. Legal
4 holidays referred to in this Section shall be specified as the
5 day on which the following traditional holidays are celebrated:

6 New Year's Day;

7 Memorial Day;

8 Independence Day;

9 Labor Day;

10 Thanksgiving Day; and

11 Christmas Day.

12 (h) The load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the load
13 upon the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles, shall not
14 extend more than 3 feet beyond the front wheels of the vehicle
15 or the front bumper of the vehicle if it is equipped with a
16 front bumper. The provisions of this subsection (h) shall not
17 apply to any vehicle or combination of vehicles specifically
18 designed for the collection and transportation of waste,
19 garbage, or recyclable materials during the vehicle's
20 operation in the course of collecting garbage, waste, or
21 recyclable materials if the vehicle is traveling at a speed not
22 in excess of 15 miles per hour during the vehicle's operation
23 and in the course of collecting garbage, waste, or recyclable
24 materials. However, in no instance shall the load extend more
25 than 7 feet beyond the front wheels of the vehicle or the front
26 bumper of the vehicle if it is equipped with a front bumper.

1 (i) The load upon the front vehicle of an automobile
2 transporter or a stinger-steered vehicle specifically designed
3 to transport motor vehicles shall not extend more than 4 feet
4 beyond the foremost part of the transporting vehicle and the
5 load upon the rear transporting vehicle shall not extend more
6 than 6 feet beyond the rear of the bed or body of the vehicle.
7 This paragraph shall only be applicable upon highways
8 designated in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this Section.

9 (j) Articulated vehicles comprised of 2 sections, neither
10 of which exceeds a length of 42 feet, designed for the carrying
11 of more than 10 persons, may be up to 60 feet in length, not
12 including energy absorbing bumpers, provided that the vehicles
13 are:

14 1. operated by or for any public body or motor carrier
15 authorized by law to provide public transportation
16 services; or

17 2. operated in local public transportation service by
18 any other person and the municipality in which the service
19 is to be provided approved the operation of the vehicle.

20 (j-1) (Blank).

21 (k) Any person who is convicted of violating this Section
22 is subject to the penalty as provided in paragraph (b) of
23 Section 15-113.

24 (l) (Blank).

25 (Source: P.A. 99-717, eff. 8-5-16; revised 10-28-16.)