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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/15-107	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-107
625 ILCS 5/15-111	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-111
625 ILCS 5/15-301	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-301
625 ILCS 5/15-307	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-307
625 ILCS 5/15-311	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-311

Amends the Article of the Illinois Vehicle Code concerning size, weight, load, and permits. Creates a new class of weight limits for vehicles with a distance between 8 and 9 feet between the extremes of any group of 2 or more consecutive axles, with a maximum weight of 38,000 pounds on 2 axles and 42,000 pounds on 3 axles. Provides that 2 consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance between the first and last axles of these tandems is 36 feet or more. Deletes language requiring an applicant for a permit for excess size and weight to make certain disclosures relating to whether the applicant is a motor carrier of property. Makes other changes. Provides that the additional fee for certain gross overweight loads is for each additional 45 (instead of 60) miles traveled. Provides that an applicant shall pay \$120 (instead of \$40) per hour for an engineering inspection or field investigation. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 15-107, 15-111, 15-301, 15-307, and 15-311 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/15-107) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-107)

7 Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

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

10 (1) Semitrailers.

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

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

17 (b) (Blank).

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

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

22 (2) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one converter
23 dolly or one semitrailer.

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

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

6 (5) Recreational vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,
7 provided the following:

8 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 60
9 feet.

10 (B) The towing vehicle is a properly registered
11 vehicle capable of towing another vehicle using a
12 fifth-wheel type assembly.

13 (C) The second vehicle in the combination of
14 vehicles is a recreational vehicle that is towed by a
15 fifth-wheel assembly. This vehicle must be properly
16 registered and must be equipped with brakes,
17 regardless of weight.

18 (D) The third vehicle must be the lightest of the 3
19 vehicles and be a trailer or semitrailer designed or
20 used for transporting a boat, all-terrain vehicle,
21 personal watercraft, or motorcycle.

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

24 (F) All vehicles must be properly equipped with
25 operating brakes and safety equipment required by this
26 Code, except the additional brake requirement in

1 subdivision (C) of this subparagraph (5).

2 (6) A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle
3 or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the towing
4 vehicle:

5 (A) Is specifically designed as a tow truck having
6 a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000 pounds
7 and equipped with air brakes, provided that air brakes
8 are required only if the towing vehicle is towing a
9 vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer combination
10 that is equipped with air brakes. For the purpose of
11 this subsection, gross vehicle weight rating, or GVWR,
12 means the value specified by the manufacturer as the
13 loaded weight of the tow truck.

14 (B) Is equipped with flashing, rotating, or
15 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet
16 in all directions.

17 (C) Is capable of utilizing the lighting and
18 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
19 of vehicles.

20 (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway
21 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement to
22 a place of repair. Any additional movement of the
23 vehicles may occur only upon issuance of authorization
24 for that movement under the provisions of Sections
25 15-301 through 15-318 of this Code.

26 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe

1 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a
2 tow truck towing another vehicle.

3 For purposes of this Section, a tow-dolly that merely
4 serves as substitute wheels for another legally licensed
5 vehicle is considered part of the licensed vehicle and not
6 a separate vehicle.

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

9 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 65
10 feet.

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

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

16 (D) All vehicles must be properly equipped with
17 operating brakes and safety equipment required by this
18 Code.

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

21 (F) The combination of vehicles must be en route to
22 a location where new or used trailers are sold by an
23 Illinois or out-of-state licensed new or used trailer
24 dealer.

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

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

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

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

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

13 (1) the length of neither towed vehicle exceeds 28.5
14 feet;

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

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

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

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

23 (d) On Class I highways there are no overall length
24 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations
25 provided:

26 (1) The length of a semitrailer, unladen or with load,

1 in combination with a truck tractor may not exceed 53 feet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle or
26 combination of disabled vehicles, as provided in paragraph (6)

1 of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length
2 limitations.

3 The length limitations described in this paragraph (d)
4 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,
5 such as bumpers, refrigeration units or air compressors and
6 other devices, that the Department may interpret as necessary
7 for safe and efficient operation; except that no device
8 excluded under this paragraph shall have by its design or use
9 the capability to carry cargo.

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

13 (e) On Class II highways there are no overall length
14 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations,
15 provided:

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

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

25 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
26 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may not exceed

1 65 feet in dimension from front axle to rear axle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when transporting
26 poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural

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

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

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

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

25 The length limitations described in this paragraph (e)
26 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,

1 such as bumpers, refrigeration units or air compressors and
2 other devices, that the Department may interpret as necessary
3 for safe and efficient operation; except that no device
4 excluded under this paragraph shall have by its design or use
5 the capability to carry cargo.

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

9 (e-1) (Blank).

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

14 (1) From a Class I highway onto any street or highway
15 for a distance of one highway mile for the purpose of
16 loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest,
17 provided there is no sign prohibiting that access.

18 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any
19 non-designated highway for a distance of 5 highway miles
20 for the purpose of loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs,
21 and rest if:

22 (A) there is no sign prohibiting that access; and

23 (B) the route is not being used as a thoroughfare
24 between Class I or Class II highways.

25 (e-3) Combinations of vehicles over 65 feet in length
26 operated by household goods carriers or towaway trailer

1 transporter combinations, with no overall length limitations
2 except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of this Section,
3 have unlimited access to points of loading, unloading, or
4 delivery to or from a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer.

5 (f) On non-designated highways, the maximum length
6 limitations for vehicles in combination are as follows:

7 (1) A truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer
8 may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension. An agency or
9 instrumentality of the State of Illinois or any unit of
10 local government shall not be required to widen or
11 otherwise alter a non-designated highway constructed
12 before January 1, 2018 to accommodate truck
13 tractor-semitrailer combinations under this paragraph (1).

14 (2) Semitrailers, unladen or with load, may not exceed
15 53 feet overall dimension.

16 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
17 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer may not exceed 60 feet
18 overall dimension.

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

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

1 (1) Vehicles operated in the daytime, except on
2 Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays, when transporting
3 poles, pipe, machinery, or other objects of a structural
4 nature that cannot readily be dismantled or disassembled
5 ~~dismembered~~, provided the overall length of vehicle and
6 load may not exceed 100 feet and no object exceeding 80
7 feet in length may be transported unless a permit has been
8 obtained as authorized in Section 15-301. As used in this
9 Section, "legal holiday" means any of the following days:
10 New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day;
11 Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

12 (2) Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility
13 while en route to make emergency repairs to public service
14 facilities or properties, but during night operation every
15 vehicle and its load must be equipped with a sufficient
16 number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps
17 upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly
18 mark the dimensions of the load.

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

23 The towing vehicle, however, may tow any disabled vehicle
24 from the initial point of wreck or disablement to a point where
25 repairs are actually to occur. This movement shall be valid
26 only on State routes. The tower must abide by posted bridge

1 weight limits.

2 All other combinations not listed in this subsection (f)
3 may not exceed 60 feet overall dimension.

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

19 (i) The load upon the front vehicle of an automobile
20 transporter or a stinger-steered vehicle specifically designed
21 to transport motor vehicles shall not extend more than 4 feet
22 beyond the foremost part of the transporting vehicle and the
23 load upon the rear transporting vehicle shall not extend more
24 than 6 feet beyond the rear of the bed or body of the vehicle.
25 This paragraph shall only be applicable upon highways
26 designated in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this Section.

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

6 1. operated by or for any public body or motor carrier
7 authorized by law to provide public transportation
8 services; or

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

12 (j-1) (Blank).

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

16 (l) (Blank).

17 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 100-343, eff. 1-1-18;
18 100-728, eff. 1-1-19; 101-328, eff. 1-1-20.)

19 (625 ILCS 5/15-111) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-111)

20 Sec. 15-111. Wheel and axle loads and gross weights.

21 (a) No vehicle or combination of vehicles with pneumatic
22 tires may be operated, unladen or with load, when the total
23 weight on the road surface exceeds the following: 20,000 pounds
24 on a single axle; 34,000 pounds on a tandem axle with no axle
25 within the tandem exceeding 20,000 pounds; 80,000 pounds gross

1 weight for vehicle combinations of 5 or more axles; or a total
 2 weight on a group of 2 or more consecutive axles in excess of
 3 that weight produced by the application of the following
 4 formula: $W = 500 \text{ times the sum of } (LN \text{ divided by } N-1) + 12N +$
 5 36 , where "W" equals overall total weight on any group of 2 or
 6 more consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds, "L" equals
 7 the distance measured to the nearest foot between extremes of
 8 any group of 2 or more consecutive axles, and "N" equals the
 9 number of axles in the group under consideration.

10 The above formula when expressed in tabular form results in
 11 allowable loads as follows:

12	Distance measured					
13	to the nearest					
14	foot between the					
15	extremes of any		Maximum weight in pounds			
16	group of 2 or		of any group of			
17	more consecutive		2 or more consecutive axles			
18	axles					
19	feet	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles
20	4	34,000				
21	5	34,000				
22	6	34,000				
23	7	34,000				
24	8	<u>34,000*</u>	<u>34,000</u>			
		38,000*	42,000			

1	<u>Between 8</u>					
2	<u>and 9</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>42,000</u>			
3	9	39,000	42,500			
4	10	40,000	43,500			
5	11		44,000			
6	12		45,000	50,000		
7	13		45,500	50,500		
8	14		46,500	51,500		
9	15		47,000	52,000		
10	16		48,000	52,500	58,000	
11	17		48,500	53,500	58,500	
12	18		49,500	54,000	59,000	
13	19		50,000	54,500	60,000	
14	20		51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000
15	21		51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500
16	22		52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000
17	23		53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000
18	24		54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500
19	25		54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000
20	26		55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500
21	27		56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000
22	28		57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000
23	29		57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500
24	30		58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000
25	31		59,000	62,500	67,500	72,500
26	32		60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000

1	33	64,000	68,500	74,000
2	34	64,500	69,000	74,500
3	35	65,500	70,000	75,000
4	36	66,000**	70,500	75,500
5	37	66,500**	71,000	76,000
6	38	67,500**	72,000	77,000
7	39	68,000	72,500	77,500
8	40	68,500	73,000	78,000
9	41	69,500	73,500	78,500
10	42	70,000	74,000	79,000
11	43	70,500	75,000	80,000
12	44	71,500	75,500	
13	45	72,000	76,000	
14	46	72,500	76,500	
15	47	73,500	77,500	
16	48	74,000	78,000	
17	49	74,500	78,500	
18	50	75,500	79,000	
19	51	76,000	80,000	
20	52	76,500		
21	53	77,500		
22	54	78,000		
23	55	78,500		
24	56	79,500		
25	57	80,000		

26 *If the distance between 2 axles is 96 inches or less, the 2

1 axles are tandem axles and the maximum total weight may not
2 exceed 34,000 pounds, notwithstanding the higher limit
3 resulting from the application of the formula.

4 **Two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry 34,000
5 pounds each if the overall distance between the first and last
6 axles of these tandems is 36 feet or more.

7 Vehicles not in a combination having more than 4 axles may
8 not exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (a) for 4
9 axles measured between the extreme axles of the vehicle.

10 Vehicles in a combination having more than 6 axles may not
11 exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (a) for 6
12 axles measured between the extreme axles of the combination.

13 Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways
14 under their jurisdiction, without additional fees, may also by
15 ordinance or resolution allow the weight limitations of this
16 subsection, provided the maximum gross weight on any one axle
17 shall not exceed 20,000 pounds and the maximum total weight on
18 any tandem axle shall not exceed 34,000 pounds, on designated
19 highways when appropriate regulatory signs giving notice are
20 erected upon the street or highway or portion of any street or
21 highway affected by the ordinance or resolution.

22 The following are exceptions to the above formula:

23 (1) Vehicles for which a different limit is established
24 and posted in accordance with Section 15-316 of this Code.

25 (2) Vehicles for which the Department of
26 Transportation and local authorities issue overweight

1 permits under authority of Section 15-301 of this Code.
2 These vehicles are not subject to the bridge formula.

3 (3) Cities having a population of more than 50,000 may
4 permit by ordinance axle loads on 2-axle motor vehicles 33
5 1/2% above those provided for herein, but the increase
6 shall not become effective until the city has officially
7 notified the Department of the passage of the ordinance and
8 shall not apply to those vehicles when outside of the
9 limits of the city, nor shall the gross weight of any
10 2-axle motor vehicle operating over any street of the city
11 exceed 40,000 pounds.

12 (4) Weight limitations shall not apply to vehicles
13 (including loads) operated by a public utility when
14 transporting equipment required for emergency repair of
15 public utility facilities or properties or water wells.

16 (4.5) A 3-axle or 4-axle vehicle (including when laden)
17 operated or hired by a municipality within Cook, Lake,
18 McHenry, Kane, DuPage, or Will county being operated for
19 the purpose of performing emergency sewer repair that would
20 be subject to a weight limitation less than 66,000 pounds
21 under the formula in this subsection (a) shall have a
22 weight limitation of 66,000 pounds or the vehicle's gross
23 vehicle weight rating, whichever is less. This paragraph
24 (4.5) does not apply to vehicles being operated on the
25 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, or to
26 vehicles being operated on bridges or other elevated

1 structures constituting a part of a highway.

2 (5) Two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a
3 total weight of 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance
4 between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of
5 tandem axles is 36 feet or more, notwithstanding the lower
6 limit resulting from the application of the above formula.

7 (6) A truck, not in combination and used exclusively
8 for the collection of rendering materials, may, when laden,
9 transmit upon the road surface, except when on part of the
10 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, the
11 following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle;
12 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle.

13 (7) A truck not in combination, equipped with a self
14 compactor or an industrial roll-off hoist and roll-off
15 container, used exclusively for garbage, refuse, or
16 recycling operations, may, when laden, transmit upon the
17 road surface, except when on part of the National System of
18 Interstate and Defense Highways, the following maximum
19 weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a
20 tandem axle; 40,000 pounds gross weight on a 2-axle
21 vehicle; 54,000 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle.
22 This vehicle is not subject to the bridge formula.

23 (7.5) A 3-axle rear discharge truck mixer registered as
24 a Special Hauling Vehicle, used exclusively for the mixing
25 and transportation of concrete in the plastic state, may,
26 when laden, transmit upon the road surface, except when on

1 part of the National System of Interstate and Defense
2 Highways, the following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on
3 single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle; 54,000 pounds
4 gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle. This vehicle is not
5 subject to the bridge formula.

6 (8) Except as provided in paragraph (7.5) of this
7 subsection (a), tandem axles on a 3-axle truck registered
8 as a Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in
9 the model year of 2024 and first registered in Illinois
10 prior to January 1, 2025, with a distance greater than 72
11 inches but not more than 96 inches between any series of 2
12 axles, is allowed a combined weight on the series not to
13 exceed 36,000 pounds and neither axle of the series may
14 exceed 20,000 pounds. Any vehicle of this type manufactured
15 after the model year of 2024 or first registered in
16 Illinois after December 31, 2024 may not exceed a combined
17 weight of 34,000 pounds through the series of 2 axles and
18 neither axle of the series may exceed 20,000 pounds.

19 A 3-axle combination sewer cleaning jetting vacuum
20 truck registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle, used
21 exclusively for the transportation of non-hazardous solid
22 waste, manufactured before or in the model year of 2014,
23 first registered in Illinois before January 1, 2015, may,
24 when laden, transmit upon the road surface, except when on
25 part of the National System of Interstate and Defense
26 Highways, the following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on a

1 single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle; 54,000 pounds
2 gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle. This vehicle is not
3 subject to the bridge formula.

4 (9) A 4-axle truck mixer registered as a Special
5 Hauling Vehicle, used exclusively for the mixing and
6 transportation of concrete in the plastic state, and not
7 operated on a highway that is part of the National System
8 of Interstate Highways, is allowed the following maximum
9 weights: 20,000 pounds on any single axle; 36,000 pounds on
10 a series of axles greater than 72 inches but not more than
11 96 inches; and 34,000 pounds on any series of 2 axles
12 greater than 40 inches but not more than 72 inches. The
13 gross weight of this vehicle may not exceed the weights
14 allowed by the bridge formula for 4 axles. The bridge
15 formula does not apply to any series of 3 axles while the
16 vehicle is transporting concrete in the plastic state, but
17 no axle or tandem axle of the series may exceed the maximum
18 weight permitted under this paragraph (9) of subsection
19 (a).

20 (10) Combinations of vehicles, registered as Special
21 Hauling Vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured
22 prior to or in the model year of 2024, and registered in
23 Illinois prior to January 1, 2025, having 5 axles with a
24 distance of 42 feet or less between extreme axles, may not
25 exceed the following maximum weights: 20,000 pounds on a
26 single axle; 34,000 pounds on a tandem axle; and 72,000

1 pounds gross weight. This combination of vehicles is not
2 subject to the bridge formula. For all those combinations
3 of vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured after
4 the effective date of P.A. 92-0417, the overall distance
5 between the first and last axles of the 2 sets of tandems
6 must be 18 feet 6 inches or more. Any combination of
7 vehicles that has had its cargo container replaced in its
8 entirety after December 31, 2024 may not exceed the weights
9 allowed by the bridge formula.

10 (11) The maximum weight allowed on a vehicle with
11 crawler type tracks is 40,000 pounds.

12 (12) A combination of vehicles, including a tow truck
13 and a disabled vehicle or disabled combination of vehicles,
14 that exceeds the weight restriction imposed by this Code,
15 may be operated on a public highway in this State provided
16 that neither the disabled vehicle nor any vehicle being
17 towed nor the tow truck itself shall exceed the weight
18 limitations permitted under this Chapter. During the
19 towing operation, neither the tow truck nor the vehicle
20 combination shall exceed 24,000 pounds on a single rear
21 axle and 44,000 pounds on a tandem rear axle, provided the
22 towing vehicle:

23 (i) is specifically designed as a tow truck having
24 a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000 pounds
25 and is equipped with air brakes, provided that air
26 brakes are required only if the towing vehicle is

1 towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer
2 combination that is equipped with air brakes;

3 (ii) is equipped with flashing, rotating, or
4 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet
5 in all directions;

6 (iii) is capable of utilizing the lighting and
7 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
8 of vehicles; and

9 (iv) does not engage in a tow exceeding 20 miles
10 from the initial point of wreck or disablement. Any
11 additional movement of the vehicles may occur only upon
12 issuance of authorization for that movement under the
13 provisions of Sections 15-301 through 15-318 of this
14 Code. The towing vehicle, however, may tow any disabled
15 vehicle to a point where repairs are actually to occur.
16 This movement shall be valid only on State routes. The
17 tower must abide by posted bridge weight limits.

18 (12.5) The vehicle weight limitations in this Section
19 do not apply to a covered heavy duty tow and recovery
20 vehicle. The covered heavy duty tow and recovery vehicle
21 license plate must cover the operating empty weight of the
22 covered heavy duty tow and recovery vehicle only.

23 (13) Upon and during a declaration of an emergency
24 propane supply disaster by the Governor under Section 7 of
25 the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act:

26 (i) a truck not in combination, equipped with a

1 cargo tank, used exclusively for the transportation of
2 propane or liquefied petroleum gas may, when laden,
3 transmit upon the road surface, except when on part of
4 the National System of Interstate and Defense
5 Highways, the following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds
6 on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle;
7 40,000 pounds gross weight on a 2-axle vehicle; 54,000
8 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle; and

9 (ii) a truck when in combination with a trailer
10 equipped with a cargo tank used exclusively for the
11 transportation of propane or liquefied petroleum gas
12 may, when laden, transmit upon the road surface, except
13 when on part of the National System of Interstate and
14 Defense Highways, the following maximum weights:
15 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a
16 tandem axle; 90,000 pounds gross weight on a 5-axle or
17 6-axle vehicle.

18 Vehicles operating under this paragraph (13) are not
19 subject to the bridge formula.

20 (14) A vehicle or combination of vehicles that uses
21 natural gas or propane gas as a motor fuel may exceed the
22 above weight limitations by up to 2,000 pounds, the total
23 allowance is calculated by an amount that is equal to the
24 difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable
25 to the natural gas or propane gas tank and fueling system
26 carried by the vehicle, and the weight of a comparable

1 diesel tank and fueling system. This paragraph (14) shall
2 not allow a vehicle to exceed any posted weight limit on a
3 highway or structure.

4 (15) An emergency vehicle or fire apparatus that is a
5 vehicle designed to be used under emergency conditions to
6 transport personnel and equipment, and used to support the
7 suppression of fires and mitigation of other hazardous
8 situations on a Class I highway, may not exceed 86,000
9 pounds gross weight, or any of the following weight
10 allowances:

- 11 (i) 24,000 pounds on a single steering axle;
- 12 (ii) 33,500 pounds on a single drive axle;
- 13 (iii) 62,000 pounds on a tandem axle; or
- 14 (iv) 52,000 pounds on a tandem rear drive steer
15 axle.

16 (16) A bus, motor coach, or recreational vehicle may
17 carry a total weight of 24,000 pounds on a single axle, but
18 may not exceed other weight provisions of this Section.

19 Gross weight limits shall not apply to the combination of
20 the tow truck and vehicles being towed. The tow truck license
21 plate must cover the operating empty weight of the tow truck
22 only. The weight of each vehicle being towed shall be covered
23 by a valid license plate issued to the owner or operator of the
24 vehicle being towed and displayed on that vehicle. If no valid
25 plate issued to the owner or operator of that vehicle is
26 displayed on that vehicle, or the plate displayed on that

1 vehicle does not cover the weight of the vehicle, the weight of
2 the vehicle shall be covered by the third tow truck plate
3 issued to the owner or operator of the tow truck and
4 temporarily affixed to the vehicle being towed. If a roll-back
5 carrier is registered and being used as a tow truck, however,
6 the license plate or plates for the tow truck must cover the
7 gross vehicle weight, including any load carried on the bed of
8 the roll-back carrier.

9 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe
10 additional requirements. However, nothing in this Code shall
11 prohibit a tow truck under instructions of a police officer
12 from legally clearing a disabled vehicle, that may be in
13 violation of weight limitations of this Chapter, from the
14 roadway to the berm or shoulder of the highway. If in the
15 opinion of the police officer that location is unsafe, the
16 officer is authorized to have the disabled vehicle towed to the
17 nearest place of safety.

18 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight
19 rating, or GVWR, means the value specified by the manufacturer
20 as the loaded weight of the tow truck.

21 (b) As used in this Section, "recycling haul" or "recycling
22 operation" means the hauling of non-hazardous, non-special,
23 non-putrescible materials, such as paper, glass, cans, or
24 plastic, for subsequent use in the secondary materials market.

25 (c) No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with
26 pneumatic tires shall be operated, unladen or with load, upon

1 the highways of this State in violation of the provisions of
2 any permit issued under the provisions of Sections 15-301
3 through 15-318 of this Chapter.

4 (d) No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with
5 other than pneumatic tires may be operated, unladen or with
6 load, upon the highways of this State when the gross weight on
7 the road surface through any wheel exceeds 800 pounds per inch
8 width of tire tread or when the gross weight on the road
9 surface through any axle exceeds 16,000 pounds.

10 (e) No person shall operate a vehicle or combination of
11 vehicles over a bridge or other elevated structure constituting
12 part of a highway with a gross weight that is greater than the
13 maximum weight permitted by the Department, when the structure
14 is sign posted as provided in this Section.

15 (f) The Department upon request from any local authority
16 shall, or upon its own initiative may, conduct an investigation
17 of any bridge or other elevated structure constituting a part
18 of a highway, and if it finds that the structure cannot with
19 safety to itself withstand the weight of vehicles otherwise
20 permissible under this Code the Department shall determine and
21 declare the maximum weight of vehicles that the structures can
22 withstand, and shall cause or permit suitable signs stating
23 maximum weight to be erected and maintained before each end of
24 the structure. No person shall operate a vehicle or combination
25 of vehicles over any structure with a gross weight that is
26 greater than the posted maximum weight.

1 (g) Upon the trial of any person charged with a violation
2 of subsection (e) or (f) of this Section, proof of the
3 determination of the maximum allowable weight by the Department
4 and the existence of the signs, constitutes conclusive evidence
5 of the maximum weight that can be maintained with safety to the
6 bridge or structure.

7 (Source: P.A. 99-78, eff. 7-20-15; 99-717, eff. 8-5-16;
8 100-366, eff. 1-1-18; 100-728, eff. 1-1-19.)

9 (625 ILCS 5/15-301) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-301)

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

11 (a) The Department with respect to highways under its
12 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways
13 under their jurisdiction may, in their discretion, upon
14 application and good cause being shown therefor, issue a
15 special permit authorizing the applicant to operate or move a
16 vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of
17 vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this Code or
18 otherwise not in conformity with this Code upon any highway
19 under the jurisdiction of the party granting such permit and
20 for the maintenance of which the party is responsible.
21 Applications and permits other than those in written or printed
22 form may only be accepted from and issued to the company or
23 individual making the movement. Except for an application to
24 move directly across a highway, it shall be the duty of the
25 applicant to establish in the application that the load to be

1 moved by such vehicle or combination cannot reasonably be
2 dismantled or disassembled, the reasonableness of which shall
3 be determined by the Secretary of the Department. For the
4 purpose of over length movements, more than one object may be
5 carried side by side as long as the height, width, and weight
6 laws are not exceeded and the cause for the over length is not
7 due to multiple objects. For the purpose of over height
8 movements, more than one object may be carried as long as the
9 cause for the over height is not due to multiple objects and
10 the length, width, and weight laws are not exceeded. For the
11 purpose of an over width movement, more than one object may be
12 carried as long as the cause for the over width is not due to
13 multiple objects and length, height, and weight laws are not
14 exceeded. Except for transporting fluid milk products, no State
15 or local agency shall authorize the issuance of excess size or
16 weight permits for vehicles and loads that are divisible and
17 that can be carried, when divided, within the existing size or
18 weight maximums specified in this Chapter. Any excess size or
19 weight permit issued in violation of the provisions of this
20 Section shall be void at issue and any movement made thereunder
21 shall not be authorized under the terms of the void permit. In
22 any prosecution for a violation of this Chapter when the
23 authorization of an excess size or weight permit is at issue,
24 it is the burden of the defendant to establish that the permit
25 was valid because the load to be moved could not reasonably be
26 dismantled or disassembled, or was otherwise nondivisible.

1 (a-1) As used in this Section, "extreme heavy duty tow and
2 recovery vehicle" means a tow truck manufactured as a unit
3 having a lifting capacity of not less than 50 tons, and having
4 either 4 axles and an unladen weight of not more than 80,000
5 pounds or 5 axles and an unladen weight not more than 90,000
6 pounds. Notwithstanding otherwise applicable gross and axle
7 weight limits, an extreme heavy duty tow and recovery vehicle
8 may lawfully travel to and from the scene of a disablement and
9 clear a disabled vehicle if the towing service has obtained an
10 extreme heavy duty tow and recovery permit for the vehicle. The
11 form and content of the permit shall be determined by the
12 Department with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and
13 by local authorities with respect to highways under their
14 jurisdiction.

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) (blank); ~~state if the~~
18 ~~applicant is an authorized carrier under the Illinois Motor~~
19 ~~Carrier of Property Law, if so, his certificate, registration,~~
20 ~~or permit number issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission;~~
21 (3) specifically describe and identify the vehicle or vehicles
22 and load to be operated or moved; (4) state the routing
23 requested, including the points of origin and destination, and
24 may identify and include a request for routing to the nearest
25 certified scale in accordance with the Department's rules and
26 regulations, provided the applicant has approval to travel on

1 local roads; and (5) (blank) ~~state if the vehicles or loads are~~
2 ~~being transported for hire. No permits for the movement of a~~
3 ~~vehicle or load for hire shall be issued to any applicant who~~
4 ~~is required under the Illinois Motor Carrier of Property Law to~~
5 ~~have a certificate, registration, or permit and does not have~~
6 ~~such certificate, registration, or permit.~~

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

1 waive all objections to the recording of the conversation.

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

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

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

25 (1) cultivated plants or agricultural produce grown,
26 including, but not limited to, corn, soybeans, wheat, oats,

1 grain sorghum, canola, and rice;

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

4 (3) ensilage; and

5 (4) fruits and vegetables.

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

16 (e-1) A special permit shall be issued by the Department
17 under this Section and shall be required from September 1
18 through December 31 for a vehicle that exceeds the maximum axle
19 weight and gross weight limits under Section 15-111 of this
20 Code or exceeds the vehicle's registered gross weight, provided
21 that the vehicle's axle weight and gross weight do not exceed
22 10% above the maximum limits under Section 15-111 of this Code
23 and does not exceed the vehicle's registered gross weight by
24 10%. All other restrictions that apply to permits issued under
25 this Section shall apply during the declared time period and no
26 fee shall be charged for the issuance of those permits. Permits

1 issued by the Department under this subsection (e-1) are only
2 valid on federal and State highways under the jurisdiction of
3 the Department, except interstate highways. With respect to
4 highways under the jurisdiction of local authorities, the local
5 authorities may, at their discretion, waive special permit
6 requirements and set a divisible load weight limit not to
7 exceed 10% above a vehicle's registered gross weight, provided
8 that the vehicle's axle weight and gross weight do not exceed
9 10% above the maximum limits specified in Section 15-111.
10 Permits issued under this subsection (e-1) shall apply to all
11 registered vehicles eligible to obtain permits under this
12 Section, including vehicles used in private or for-hire
13 movement of divisible load agricultural commodities during the
14 declared time period.

15 (f) The form and content of the permit shall be determined
16 by the Department with respect to highways under its
17 jurisdiction and by local authorities with respect to highways
18 under their jurisdiction. Every permit shall be in written form
19 and carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which
20 it refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer
21 or authorized agent of any authority granting the permit and no
22 person shall violate any of the terms or conditions of such
23 special permit. Violation of the terms and conditions of the
24 permit shall not be deemed a revocation of the permit; however,
25 any vehicle and load found to be off the route prescribed in
26 the permit shall be held to be operating without a permit. Any

1 off-route vehicle and load shall be required to obtain a new
2 permit or permits, as necessary, to authorize the movement back
3 onto the original permit routing. No rule or regulation, nor
4 anything herein, shall be construed to authorize any police
5 officer, court, or authorized agent of any authority granting
6 the permit to remove the permit from the possession of the
7 permittee unless the permittee is charged with a fraudulent
8 permit violation as provided in subsection (i). However, upon
9 arrest for an offense of violation of permit, operating without
10 a permit when the vehicle is off route, or any size or weight
11 offense under this Chapter when the permittee plans to raise
12 the issuance of the permit as a defense, the permittee, or his
13 agent, must produce the permit at any court hearing concerning
14 the alleged offense.

15 If the permit designates and includes a routing to a
16 certified scale, the permittee, while en route to the
17 designated scale, shall be deemed in compliance with the weight
18 provisions of the permit provided the axle or gross weights do
19 not exceed any of the permitted limits by more than the
20 following amounts:

21	Single axle	2000 pounds
22	Tandem axle	3000 pounds
23	Gross	5000 pounds

24 (g) The Department is authorized to adopt, amend, and make
25 available to interested persons a policy concerning reasonable
26 rules, limitations and conditions or provisions of operation

1 upon highways under its jurisdiction in addition to those
2 contained in this Section for the movement by special permit of
3 vehicles, combinations, or loads which cannot reasonably be
4 dismantled or disassembled, including manufactured and modular
5 home sections and portions thereof. All rules, limitations and
6 conditions or provisions adopted in the policy shall have due
7 regard for the safety of the traveling public and the
8 protection of the highway system and shall have been
9 promulgated in conformity with the provisions of the Illinois
10 Administrative Procedure Act. The requirements of the policy
11 for flagmen and escort vehicles shall be the same for all moves
12 of comparable size and weight. When escort vehicles are
13 required, they shall meet the following requirements:

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

16 (2) Vehicles escorting oversized loads more than 12
17 feet wide must be equipped with a rotating or flashing
18 amber light mounted on top as specified under Section
19 12-215.

20 The Department shall establish reasonable rules and
21 regulations regarding liability insurance or self insurance
22 for vehicles with oversized loads promulgated under the
23 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Police vehicles may be
24 required for escort under circumstances as required by rules
25 and regulations of the Department.

26 (h) Violation of any rule, limitation or condition or

1 provision of any permit issued in accordance with the
2 provisions of this Section shall not render the entire permit
3 null and void but the violator shall be deemed guilty of
4 violation of permit and guilty of exceeding any size, weight,
5 or load limitations in excess of those authorized by the
6 permit. The prescribed route or routes on the permit are not
7 mere rules, limitations, conditions, or provisions of the
8 permit, but are also the sole extent of the authorization
9 granted by the permit. If a vehicle and load are found to be
10 off the route or routes prescribed by any permit authorizing
11 movement, the vehicle and load are operating without a permit.
12 Any off-route movement shall be subject to the size and weight
13 maximums, under the applicable provisions of this Chapter, as
14 determined by the type or class highway upon which the vehicle
15 and load are being operated.

16 (i) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made under
17 a fraudulent permit, the permit shall be void, and the person,
18 firm, or corporation to whom such permit was granted, the
19 driver of such vehicle in addition to the person who issued
20 such permit and any accessory, shall be guilty of fraud and
21 either one or all persons may be prosecuted for such violation.
22 Any person, firm, or corporation committing such violation
23 shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony and the Department shall
24 not issue permits to the person, firm, or corporation convicted
25 of such violation for a period of one year after the date of
26 conviction. Penalties for violations of this Section shall be

1 in addition to any penalties imposed for violation of other
2 Sections of this Code.

3 (j) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made in
4 violation of a permit issued in accordance with this Section,
5 the person to whom such permit was granted, or the driver of
6 such vehicle, is guilty of such violation and either, but not
7 both, persons may be prosecuted for such violation as stated in
8 this subsection (j). Any person, firm, or corporation convicted
9 of such violation shall be guilty of a petty offense and shall
10 be fined, for the first offense, not less than \$50 nor more
11 than \$200 and, for the second offense by the same person, firm,
12 or corporation within a period of one year, not less than \$200
13 nor more than \$300 and, for the third offense by the same
14 person, firm, or corporation within a period of one year after
15 the date of the first offense, not less than \$300 nor more than
16 \$500 and the Department may, in its discretion, not issue
17 permits to the person, firm, or corporation convicted of a
18 third offense during a period of one year after the date of
19 conviction or supervision for such third offense. If any
20 violation is the cause or contributing cause in a motor vehicle
21 accident causing damage to property, injury, or death to a
22 person, the Department may, in its discretion, not issue a
23 permit to the person, firm, or corporation for a period of one
24 year after the date of conviction or supervision for the
25 offense.

26 (k) Whenever any vehicle is operated on local roads under

1 permits for excess width or length issued by local authorities,
2 such vehicle may be moved upon a State highway for a distance
3 not to exceed one-half mile without a permit for the purpose of
4 crossing the State highway.

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

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

17 (m) Penalties for violations of this Section shall be in
18 addition to any penalties imposed for violating any other
19 Section of this Code.

20 (n) The Department with respect to highways under its
21 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways
22 under their jurisdiction, in their discretion and upon
23 application in writing, may issue a special permit for
24 continuous limited operation, authorizing the applicant to
25 operate a tow truck that exceeds the weight limits provided for
26 in subsection (a) of Section 15-111, provided:

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

3 (2) no rear tandem axle of the tow truck exceeds 50,000
4 pounds;

5 (2.1) no triple rear axle on a manufactured recovery
6 unit exceeds 60,000 pounds;

7 (3) neither the disabled vehicle nor the disabled
8 combination of vehicles exceed the weight restrictions
9 imposed by this Chapter 15, or the weight limits imposed
10 under a permit issued by the Department prior to hookup;

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

13 (5) during the tow operation the tow truck does not
14 violate any weight restriction sign;

15 (6) the tow truck is equipped with flashing, rotating,
16 or oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet
17 in all directions;

18 (7) the tow truck is specifically designed and licensed
19 as a tow truck;

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

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

23 (10) the tow truck is capable of utilizing the lighting
24 and braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
25 of vehicles;

26 (11) the tow commences at the initial point of wreck or

1 disablement and terminates at a point where the repairs are
2 actually to occur;

3 (12) the permit issued to the tow truck is carried in
4 the tow truck and exhibited on demand by a police officer;
5 and

6 (13) the movement shall be valid only on State routes
7 approved by the Department.

8 (o) (Blank).

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

1 determined by the Secretary to be nondivisible shall otherwise
2 comply with the existing size or weight maximums specified in
3 this Chapter.

4 (Source: P.A. 100-70, eff. 8-11-17; 100-728, eff. 1-1-19;
5 100-830, eff. 1-1-19; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18; 100-1090, eff.
6 1-1-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-547, eff. 1-1-20.)

7 (625 ILCS 5/15-307) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-307)

8 Sec. 15-307. Fees for Overweight-Gross Loads. Fees for
9 special permits to move vehicles, combinations of vehicles and
10 loads with overweight-gross loads shall be paid at the flat
11 rate fees established in this Section for weights in excess of
12 legal gross weights, by the applicant to the Department.

13 (a) With respect to fees for overweight-gross loads listed
14 in this Section and for overweight-axle loads listed in Section
15 15-306, one fee only shall be charged, whichever is the
16 greater, but not for both.

17 (b) In lieu of the fees stated in this Section and Section
18 15-306, with respect to combinations of vehicles consisting of
19 a 3-axle truck tractor with a tandem axle composed of 2
20 consecutive axles drawing a semitrailer, or other vehicle
21 approved by the Department, equipped with a tandem axle
22 composed of 3 consecutive axles, weighing over 80,000 pounds
23 but not more than 88,000 pounds gross weight, the fees shall be
24 at the following rates:

25	Distance	Rate
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1	For the first 45 miles	\$10
2	From 45 miles to 90 miles	12.50
3	From 90 miles to 135 miles	15.00
4	From 135 miles to 180 miles	17.50
5	From 180 miles to 225 miles	20.00
6	For each additional 45 miles or part	
7	thereof in excess of the rate for	
8	225 miles, an additional	2.50

9 For such combinations weighing over 88,000 pounds but not
 10 more than 100,000 pounds gross weight, the fees shall be at the
 11 following rates:

12	Distance	Rate
13	For the first 45 miles	15
14	From 45 miles to 90 miles	25
15	From 90 miles to 135 miles	35
16	From 135 miles to 180 miles	45
17	From 180 miles to 225 miles	55
18	For each additional 45 miles or part	
19	thereof in excess of the rate for	
20	225 miles, an additional	10

21 For such combination weighing over 100,000 pounds but not
 22 more than 110,000 pounds gross weight, the fees shall be at the
 23 following rates:

24	Distance	Rate
25	For the first 45 miles	\$20
26	From 45 miles to 90 miles	32.50

1	From 90 miles to 135 miles	45
2	From 135 miles to 180 miles	57.50
3	From 180 miles to 225 miles	70
4	For each additional 45 miles or part	
5	thereof in excess of the rate for	
6	225 miles an additional	12.50

7 For such combinations weighing over 110,000 pounds but not
8 more than 120,000 pounds gross weight, the fees shall be at the
9 following rates:

10	Distance	Rate
11	For the first 45 miles	\$30
12	From 46 miles to 90 miles	55
13	From 90 miles to 135 miles	80
14	From 135 miles to 180 miles	105
15	From 180 miles to 225 miles	130
16	For each additional 45 miles or part	
17	thereof in excess of the rate	
18	for 225 miles an additional	25

19 Payment of overweight fees for the above combinations also
20 shall include fees for overwidth dimensions of 4 feet or less,
21 overheight and overlength. Any overwidth in excess of 4 feet
22 shall be charged an additional fee of \$15.

1 (c) In lieu of the fees stated in this Section and Section
 2 15-306 of this Chapter, with respect to combinations of
 3 vehicles consisting of a 3-axle truck tractor with a tandem
 4 axle composed of 2 consecutive axles drawing a semitrailer, or
 5 other vehicle approved by the Department, equipped with a
 6 tandem axle composed of 2 consecutive axles, weighing over
 7 80,000 pounds but not more than 88,000 pounds gross weight, the
 8 fees shall be at the following rates:

9	Distance	Rate
10	For the first 45 miles	\$20
11	From 45 miles to 90 miles	32.50
12	From 90 miles to 135 miles	45
13	From 135 miles to 180 miles	57.50
14	From 180 miles to 225 miles	70
15	For each additional <u>45</u> 60 miles or part	
16	thereof in excess of the rate for	
17	225 miles an additional	12.50

18 For such combination weighing over 88,000 pounds but not
 19 more than 100,000 pounds gross weight, the fees shall be at the
 20 following rates:

21	Distance	Rate
22	For the first 45 miles	\$30
23	From 46 miles to 90 miles	55
24	From 90 miles to 135 miles	80
25	From 135 miles to 180 miles	105
26	From 180 miles to 225 miles	130

1 For each additional 45 miles or part
 2 thereof in excess of the rate for
 3 225 miles an additional 25

4 Payment of overweight fees for the above combinations also
 5 shall include fees for overwidth dimension of 4 feet or less,
 6 overheight and overlength. Any overwidth in excess of 4 feet
 7 shall be charged an additional overwidth fee of \$15.

8 (d) In lieu of the fees stated in this Section and in
 9 Section 15-306 of this Chapter, with respect to a 3 (or more)
 10 axle mobile crane or water well-drilling vehicle consisting of
 11 a single axle and a tandem axle or 2 tandem axle groups
 12 composed of 2 consecutive axles each, with a distance of
 13 extreme axles not less than 18 feet, weighing not more than
 14 60,000 pounds gross with no single axle weighing more than
 15 21,000 pounds, or any tandem axle group to exceed 40,000
 16 pounds, the fees shall be at the following rates:

17 Distance	17 Rate
18 For the first 45 miles	\$12.50
19 For each additional 45 miles or portion thereof	9.00

20 For such vehicles weighing over 60,000 pounds but not more
 21 than 68,000 pounds with no single axle weighing more than
 22 21,000 pounds and no tandem axle group exceeding 48,000 pounds,
 23 the fees shall be at the following rates:

24 Distance	24 Rate
25 For the first 45 miles	\$20
26 For each additional 45 miles or portion thereof	12.50

1 Payment of overweight fees for the above vehicle shall
 2 include overwidth dimension of 4 feet or less, overheight and
 3 overlength. Any overwidth in excess of 4 feet shall be charged
 4 an additional overwidth fee of \$15.

5 (e) In lieu of the fees stated in this Section and in
 6 Section 15-306 of this Chapter, with respect to a 4 (or more)
 7 axle mobile crane or water well drilling vehicle consisting of
 8 2 sets of tandem axles composed of 2 or more consecutive axles
 9 each with a distance between extreme axles of not less than 23
 10 feet weighing not more than 72,000 pounds with axle weights on
 11 one set of tandem axles not more than 34,000 pounds, and weight
 12 in the other set of tandem axles not to exceed 40,000 pounds,
 13 the fees shall be at the following rates:

14 Distance	Rate
15 For the first 45 miles	\$15
16 For each additional 45 miles or portion thereof	10

17 For such vehicles weighing over 72,000 pounds but not more
 18 than 76,000 pounds with axle weights on either set of tandem
 19 axles not more than 44,000 pounds, the fees shall be at the
 20 following rates:

21 Distance	Rate
22 For the first 45 miles	\$20
23 For each additional 45 miles or portion thereof	12.50

1 Payment of overweight fees for the above vehicle shall
 2 include overwidth dimension of 4 feet or less, overheight and
 3 overlength. Any overwidth in excess of 4 feet shall be charged
 4 an additional fee of \$15.

5 (f) In lieu of fees stated in this Section and in Section
 6 15-306 of this Chapter, with respect to a two axle mobile crane
 7 or water well-drilling vehicle consisting of 2 single axles
 8 weighing not more than 48,000 pounds with no single axle
 9 weighing more than 25,000 pounds, the fees shall be at the
 10 following rates:

Distance	Rate
For the first 45 miles	\$15
For each additional 45 miles or portion thereof	10

14 For such vehicles weighing over 48,000 pounds but not more
 15 than 54,000 pounds with no single axle weighing more than
 16 28,000 pounds, the fees shall be at the following rates:

Distance	Rate
For the first 45 miles	\$20
For each additional 45 miles or portion thereof	12.50

20 Payment of overweight fees for the above vehicle shall
 21 include overwidth dimension of 4 feet or less, overheight and
 22 overlength. Any overwidth in excess of 4 feet shall be charged
 23 an additional overwidth fee of \$15.

24 (g) Fees for special permits to move vehicles, combinations
 25 of vehicles, and loads with overweight gross loads not included
 26 in the fee categories shall be paid by the applicant to the

1 Department at the rate of \$50 plus 3.5 cents per ton-mile in
2 excess of legal weight.

3 With respect to fees for overweight gross loads not
4 included in the schedules specified in paragraphs (a) through
5 (e) of Section 15-307 and for overweight axle loads listed in
6 Section 15-306, one fee only shall be charged, whichever is the
7 greater, but not both. An additional fee in accordance with the
8 schedule set forth in Section 15-305 shall be charged for each
9 overdimension.

10 (h) Fees for special permits for continuous limited
11 operation authorizing the applicant to operate vehicles that
12 exceed the weight limits provided for in subsection (a) of
13 Section 15-111.

14 All single axles excluding the steer axle and axles within
15 a tandem are limited to 24,000 pounds or less unless otherwise
16 noted in this subsection (h). Loads up to 12 feet wide and 110
17 feet in length shall be included within this permit. Fees shall
18 be \$250 for a quarterly and \$1,000 for an annual permit. Front
19 tag axle and double tandem trailers are not eligible.

20 The following configurations qualify for the quarterly and
21 annual permits:

22 (1) 3 or more axles, total gross weight of 68,000
23 pounds or less, front tandem or axle 21,000 pounds or less,
24 rear tandem 48,000 pounds or less on 2 or 3 axles, 25,000
25 pounds or less on single axle;

26 (2) 4 or more axles, total gross weight of 76,000

1 pounds or less, front tandem 44,000 pounds or less on 2
2 axles, front axle 20,000 pounds or less, rear tandem 44,000
3 pounds or less on 2 axles and 23,000 pounds or less on
4 single axle or 48,000 pounds or less on 3 axles, 25,000
5 pounds or less on single axle;

6 (3) 5 or more axles, total gross weight of 100,000
7 pounds or less, front tandem 48,000 pounds or less on 2
8 axles, front axle 20,000 pounds or less, 25,000 pounds or
9 less on single axle, rear tandem 48,000 pounds or less on 2
10 axles, 25,000 pounds or less on single axle;

11 (4) 6 or more axles, total gross weight of 120,000
12 pounds or less, front tandem 48,000 pounds or less on 2
13 axles, front axle 20,000 pounds or less, single axle 25,000
14 pounds or less, or rear tandem 60,000 pounds or less on 3
15 axles, 21,000 pounds or less on single axles within a
16 tandem.

17 (Source: P.A. 96-34, eff. 1-1-10; 97-201, eff. 1-1-12.)

18 (625 ILCS 5/15-311) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-311)

19 Sec. 15-311. Fees for Engineering Inspections or Field
20 Investigations. Engineering inspections or field
21 investigations will be made by the Department and the following
22 fees shall be paid by the applicant: for normal field
23 investigations, or for special engineering investigations
24 requiring assessment of work to be done on the highway and
25 final inspection, \$120 ~~40~~ per hour.

1 (Source: P.A. 84-566.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.