

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  
5 changing Sections 15-107, 15-111, 15-301, and 15-307 as  
6 follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/15-107) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-107)

8 Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

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

11 (1) Semitrailers.

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

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

19 (b) (Blank).

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

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

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

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

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

8           (5) Recreational vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,  
9 provided the following:

10           (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 60  
11 feet.

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

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

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

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

26           (F) All vehicles must be properly equipped with

1 operating brakes and safety equipment required by this  
2 Code, except the additional brake requirement in  
3 subdivision (C) of this subparagraph (5).

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

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

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

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

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

1 15-301 through 15-318 of this Code.

2 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe  
3 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a  
4 tow truck towing another vehicle.

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

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

11 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 65  
12 feet.

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

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

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

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

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

1 dealer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (5) the combination of vehicles is en route to a  
25 location where new or used trailers are sold by an  
26 Illinois or out-of-state licensed new or used trailer

1 dealer.

2 (d) On Class I highways there are no overall length  
3 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations  
4 provided:

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

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

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

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

20 (5) Combinations of vehicles specifically designed to  
21 transport motor vehicles or boats may not exceed 65 feet  
22 overall dimension. The length limitation is inclusive of  
23 front and rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of  
24 the transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of  
25 this Section.

26 (6) Stinger-steered semitrailer vehicles specifically

1 designed to transport motor vehicles or boats and  
2 automobile transporters, as defined in Chapter 1, may not  
3 exceed 80 feet overall dimension. The length limitation is  
4 inclusive of front and rear bumpers but exclusive of the  
5 overhang of the transported vehicles, as provided in  
6 paragraph (i) of this Section.

7 (7) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled  
8 together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed  
9 97 feet overall dimension.

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

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

24 Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en  
25 route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities  
26 or properties are exempt from length limitations, provided

1 that during night operations every vehicle and its load must  
2 be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on  
3 both sides and marker lamps on the extreme ends of any  
4 projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

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

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

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

19 (e) On Class II highways there are no overall length  
20 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations,  
21 provided:

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

25 (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center of  
26 the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in



1 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet 6  
2 inches. The limit contained in this paragraph (2) shall  
3 not apply to trailers or semi-trailers used for the  
4 transport of livestock as defined by Section 18b-101.

5 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck  
6 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may not exceed  
7 65 feet in dimension from front axle to rear axle.

8 (4) 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 (5) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter 1,  
13 may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

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

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

26 (8) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled

1 together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed  
2 97 feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

24 A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle or  
25 combination of disabled vehicles, as provided in paragraph (6)  
26 of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length

1 limitations.

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

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

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

15 (e-1) (Blank).

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

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

24 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any  
25 non-designated highway for a distance of 5 highway miles  
26 for the purpose of loading, unloading, food, fuel,

1 repairs, and rest if:

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

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

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

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

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

20 (2) Semitrailers, unladen or with load, may not exceed  
21 53 feet overall dimension.

22 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck  
23 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer may not exceed 60 feet  
24 overall dimension.

25 (4) The distance between the kingpin and the center  
26 axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in combination

1 with a truck tractor, may not exceed 42 feet 6 inches. The  
2 limit contained in this paragraph (4) shall not apply to  
3 trailers or semi-trailers used for the transport of  
4 livestock as defined by Section 18b-101.

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

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

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

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

1 paragraph (6) of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt  
2 from length limitations.

3 The towing vehicle, however, may tow any disabled vehicle  
4 from the initial point of wreck or disablement to a point where  
5 repairs are actually to occur. This movement shall be valid  
6 only on State routes. The tower must abide by posted bridge  
7 weight limits.

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

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

26 (i) The load upon the front vehicle of an automobile

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

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

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

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

19 (j-1) (Blank).

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

23 (l) (Blank).

24 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 100-343, eff. 1-1-18;  
25 100-728, eff. 1-1-19; 101-328, eff. 1-1-20.)

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

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

3 (a) No vehicle or combination of vehicles with pneumatic  
4 tires may be operated, unladen or with load, when the total  
5 weight on the road surface exceeds the following: 20,000  
6 pounds on a single axle; 34,000 pounds on a tandem axle with no  
7 axle within the tandem exceeding 20,000 pounds; 80,000 pounds  
8 gross weight for vehicle combinations of 5 or more axles; or a  
9 total weight on a group of 2 or more consecutive axles in  
10 excess of that weight produced by the application of the  
11 following formula:  $W = 500 \text{ times the sum of } (LN \text{ divided by } N-1)$   
12  $+ 12N + 36$ , where "W" equals overall total weight on any group  
13 of 2 or more consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds, "L"  
14 equals the distance measured to the nearest foot between  
15 extremes of any group of 2 or more consecutive axles, and "N"  
16 equals the number of axles in the group under consideration.

17 The above formula when expressed in tabular form results  
18 in allowable loads as follows:

19	Distance measured	
20	to the nearest	
21	foot between the	
22	extremes of any	Maximum weight in pounds
23	group of 2 or	of any group of
24	more consecutive	2 or more consecutive axles
25	axles	



	feet	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles
1						
2	4	34,000				
3	5	34,000				
4	6	34,000				
5	7	34,000				
6	8	<u>34,000*</u>	<u>34,000</u>			
		<del>38,000*</del>	<del>42,000</del>			
7	<u>Between 8</u>					
8	<u>and 9</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>42,000</u>			
9	9	39,000	42,500			
10	10	40,000	43,500			
11	11		44,000			
12	12		45,000	50,000		
13	13		45,500	50,500		
14	14		46,500	51,500		
15	15		47,000	52,000		
16	16		48,000	52,500	58,000	
17	17		48,500	53,500	58,500	
18	18		49,500	54,000	59,000	
19	19		50,000	54,500	60,000	
20	20		51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000
21	21		51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500
22	22		52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000
23	23		53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000
24	24		54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500
25	25		54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000

1	26	55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500
2	27	56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000
3	28	57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000
4	29	57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500
5	30	58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000
6	31	59,000	62,500	67,500	72,500
7	32	60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000
8	33		64,000	68,500	74,000
9	34		64,500	69,000	74,500
10	35		65,500	70,000	75,000
11	36		66,000**	70,500	75,500
12	37		66,500**	71,000	76,000
13	38		67,500**	72,000	77,000
14	39		68,000	72,500	77,500
15	40		68,500	73,000	78,000
16	41		69,500	73,500	78,500
17	42		70,000	74,000	79,000
18	43		70,500	75,000	80,000
19	44		71,500	75,500	
20	45		72,000	76,000	
21	46		72,500	76,500	
22	47		73,500	77,500	
23	48		74,000	78,000	
24	49		74,500	78,500	
25	50		75,500	79,000	
26	51		76,000	80,000	

1	52	76,500
2	53	77,500
3	54	78,000
4	55	78,500
5	56	79,500
6	57	80,000

7 \*If the distance between 2 axles is 96 inches or less, the 2  
8 axles are tandem axles and the maximum total weight may not  
9 exceed 34,000 pounds, notwithstanding the higher limit  
10 resulting from the application of the formula.

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

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

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

20 Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways  
21 under their jurisdiction, without additional fees, may also by  
22 ordinance or resolution allow the weight limitations of this  
23 subsection, provided the maximum gross weight on any one axle  
24 shall not exceed 20,000 pounds and the maximum total weight on  
25 any tandem axle shall not exceed 34,000 pounds, on designated  
26 highways when appropriate regulatory signs giving notice are

1 erected upon the street or highway or portion of any street or  
2 highway affected by the ordinance or resolution.

3 The following are exceptions to the above formula:

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

7 (2) Vehicles for which the Department of  
8 Transportation and local authorities issue overweight  
9 permits under authority of Section 15-301 of this Code.  
10 These vehicles are not subject to the bridge formula.

11 (3) Cities having a population of more than 50,000 may  
12 permit by ordinance axle loads on 2-axle motor vehicles 33  
13 1/2% above those provided for herein, but the increase  
14 shall not become effective until the city has officially  
15 notified the Department of the passage of the ordinance  
16 and shall not apply to those vehicles when outside of the  
17 limits of the city, nor shall the gross weight of any  
18 2-axle motor vehicle operating over any street of the city  
19 exceed 40,000 pounds.

20 (4) Weight limitations shall not apply to vehicles  
21 (including loads) operated by a public utility when  
22 transporting equipment required for emergency repair of  
23 public utility facilities or properties or water wells.

24 (4.5) A 3-axle or 4-axle vehicle (including when  
25 laden) operated or hired by a municipality within Cook,  
26 Lake, McHenry, Kane, DuPage, or Will county being operated

1 for the purpose of performing emergency sewer repair that  
2 would be subject to a weight limitation less than 66,000  
3 pounds under the formula in this subsection (a) shall have  
4 a weight limitation of 66,000 pounds or the vehicle's  
5 gross vehicle weight rating, whichever is less. This  
6 paragraph (4.5) does not apply to vehicles being operated  
7 on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways,  
8 or to vehicles being operated on bridges or other elevated  
9 structures constituting a part of a highway.

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

16 (6) A truck, not in combination and used exclusively  
17 for the collection of rendering materials, may, when  
18 laden, transmit upon the road surface, except when on part  
19 of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways,  
20 the following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on a single  
21 axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle.

22 (7) A truck not in combination, equipped with a self  
23 compactor or an industrial roll-off hoist and roll-off  
24 container, used exclusively for garbage, refuse, or  
25 recycling operations, may, when laden, transmit upon the  
26 road surface, except when on part of the National System

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

6 (7.5) A 3-axle rear discharge truck mixer registered  
7 as a Special Hauling Vehicle, used exclusively for the  
8 mixing and transportation of concrete in the plastic  
9 state, may, when laden, transmit upon the road surface,  
10 except when on part of the National System of Interstate  
11 and Defense Highways, the following maximum weights:  
12 22,000 pounds on single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem  
13 axle; 54,000 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle. This  
14 vehicle is not subject to the bridge formula.

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

1 series of 2 axles and neither axle of the series may exceed  
2 20,000 pounds.

3 A 3-axle combination sewer cleaning jetting vacuum  
4 truck registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle, used  
5 exclusively for the transportation of non-hazardous solid  
6 waste, manufactured before or in the model year of 2014,  
7 first registered in Illinois before January 1, 2015, may,  
8 when laden, transmit upon the road surface, except when on  
9 part of the National System of Interstate and Defense  
10 Highways, the following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on  
11 a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle; 54,000  
12 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle. This vehicle is  
13 not subject to the bridge formula.

14 (9) A 4-axle truck mixer registered as a Special  
15 Hauling Vehicle, used exclusively for the mixing and  
16 transportation of concrete in the plastic state, and not  
17 operated on a highway that is part of the National System  
18 of Interstate Highways, is allowed the following maximum  
19 weights: 20,000 pounds on any single axle; 36,000 pounds  
20 on a series of axles greater than 72 inches but not more  
21 than 96 inches; and 34,000 pounds on any series of 2 axles  
22 greater than 40 inches but not more than 72 inches. The  
23 gross weight of this vehicle may not exceed the weights  
24 allowed by the bridge formula for 4 axles. The bridge  
25 formula does not apply to any series of 3 axles while the  
26 vehicle is transporting concrete in the plastic state, but

1 no axle or tandem axle of the series may exceed the maximum  
2 weight permitted under this paragraph (9) of subsection  
3 (a).

4 (10) Combinations of vehicles, registered as Special  
5 Hauling Vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured  
6 prior to or in the model year of 2024, and registered in  
7 Illinois prior to January 1, 2025, having 5 axles with a  
8 distance of 42 feet or less between extreme axles, may not  
9 exceed the following maximum weights: 20,000 pounds on a  
10 single axle; 34,000 pounds on a tandem axle; and 72,000  
11 pounds gross weight. This combination of vehicles is not  
12 subject to the bridge formula. For all those combinations  
13 of vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured after  
14 the effective date of P.A. 92-0417, the overall distance  
15 between the first and last axles of the 2 sets of tandems  
16 must be 18 feet 6 inches or more. Any combination of  
17 vehicles that has had its cargo container replaced in its  
18 entirety after December 31, 2024 may not exceed the  
19 weights allowed by the bridge formula.

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

22 (12) A combination of vehicles, including a tow truck  
23 and a disabled vehicle or disabled combination of  
24 vehicles, that exceeds the weight restriction imposed by  
25 this Code, may be operated on a public highway in this  
26 State provided that neither the disabled vehicle nor any



1 vehicle being towed nor the tow truck itself shall exceed  
2 the weight limitations permitted under this Chapter.  
3 During the towing operation, neither the tow truck nor the  
4 vehicle combination shall exceed 24,000 pounds on a single  
5 rear axle and 44,000 pounds on a tandem rear axle,  
6 provided the towing vehicle:

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

13 (ii) is equipped with flashing, rotating, or  
14 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500  
15 feet in all directions;

16 (iii) is capable of utilizing the lighting and  
17 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination  
18 of vehicles; and

19 (iv) does not engage in a tow exceeding 20 miles  
20 from the initial point of wreck or disablement. Any  
21 additional movement of the vehicles may occur only  
22 upon issuance of authorization for that movement under  
23 the provisions of Sections 15-301 through 15-318 of  
24 this Code. The towing vehicle, however, may tow any  
25 disabled vehicle to a point where repairs are actually  
26 to occur. This movement shall be valid only on State

1 routes. The tower must abide by posted bridge weight  
2 limits.

3 (12.5) The vehicle weight limitations in this Section  
4 do not apply to a covered heavy duty tow and recovery  
5 vehicle. The covered heavy duty tow and recovery vehicle  
6 license plate must cover the operating empty weight of the  
7 covered heavy duty tow and recovery vehicle only.

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

11 (i) a truck not in combination, equipped with a  
12 cargo tank, used exclusively for the transportation of  
13 propane or liquefied petroleum gas may, when laden,  
14 transmit upon the road surface, except when on part of  
15 the National System of Interstate and Defense  
16 Highways, the following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds  
17 on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle;  
18 40,000 pounds gross weight on a 2-axle vehicle; 54,000  
19 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle; and

20 (ii) a truck when in combination with a trailer  
21 equipped with a cargo tank used exclusively for the  
22 transportation of propane or liquefied petroleum gas  
23 may, when laden, transmit upon the road surface,  
24 except when on part of the National System of  
25 Interstate and Defense Highways, the following maximum  
26 weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds

1           on a tandem axle; 90,000 pounds gross weight on a  
2           5-axle or 6-axle vehicle.

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

5           (14) A vehicle or combination of vehicles that uses  
6           natural gas or propane gas as a motor fuel may exceed the  
7           above weight limitations by up to 2,000 pounds, the total  
8           allowance is calculated by an amount that is equal to the  
9           difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable  
10          to the natural gas or propane gas tank and fueling system  
11          carried by the vehicle, and the weight of a comparable  
12          diesel tank and fueling system. This paragraph (14) shall  
13          not allow a vehicle to exceed any posted weight limit on a  
14          highway or structure.

15          (15) An emergency vehicle or fire apparatus that is a  
16          vehicle designed to be used under emergency conditions to  
17          transport personnel and equipment, and used to support the  
18          suppression of fires and mitigation of other hazardous  
19          situations on a Class I highway, may not exceed 86,000  
20          pounds gross weight, or any of the following weight  
21          allowances:

- 22               (i) 24,000 pounds on a single steering axle;  
23               (ii) 33,500 pounds on a single drive axle;  
24               (iii) 62,000 pounds on a tandem axle; or  
25               (iv) 52,000 pounds on a tandem rear drive steer  
26               axle.

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

4           Gross weight limits shall not apply to the combination of  
5           the tow truck and vehicles being towed. The tow truck license  
6           plate must cover the operating empty weight of the tow truck  
7           only. The weight of each vehicle being towed shall be covered  
8           by a valid license plate issued to the owner or operator of the  
9           vehicle being towed and displayed on that vehicle. If no valid  
10          plate issued to the owner or operator of that vehicle is  
11          displayed on that vehicle, or the plate displayed on that  
12          vehicle does not cover the weight of the vehicle, the weight of  
13          the vehicle shall be covered by the third tow truck plate  
14          issued to the owner or operator of the tow truck and  
15          temporarily affixed to the vehicle being towed. If a roll-back  
16          carrier is registered and being used as a tow truck, however,  
17          the license plate or plates for the tow truck must cover the  
18          gross vehicle weight, including any load carried on the bed of  
19          the roll-back carrier.

20          The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe  
21          additional requirements. However, nothing in this Code shall  
22          prohibit a tow truck under instructions of a police officer  
23          from legally clearing a disabled vehicle, that may be in  
24          violation of weight limitations of this Chapter, from the  
25          roadway to the berm or shoulder of the highway. If in the  
26          opinion of the police officer that location is unsafe, the

1 officer is authorized to have the disabled vehicle towed to  
2 the nearest place of safety.

3 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight  
4 rating, or GVWR, means the value specified by the manufacturer  
5 as the loaded weight of the tow truck.

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

11 (c) No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with  
12 pneumatic tires shall be operated, unladen or with load, upon  
13 the highways of this State in violation of the provisions of  
14 any permit issued under the provisions of Sections 15-301  
15 through 15-318 of this Chapter.

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

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

1 (f) The Department upon request from any local authority  
2 shall, or upon its own initiative may, conduct an  
3 investigation of any bridge or other elevated structure  
4 constituting a part of a highway, and if it finds that the  
5 structure cannot with safety to itself withstand the weight of  
6 vehicles otherwise permissible under this Code the Department  
7 shall determine and declare the maximum weight of vehicles  
8 that the structures can withstand, and shall cause or permit  
9 suitable signs stating maximum weight to be erected and  
10 maintained before each end of the structure. No person shall  
11 operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles over any  
12 structure with a gross weight that is greater than the posted  
13 maximum weight.

14 (g) Upon the trial of any person charged with a violation  
15 of subsection (e) or (f) of this Section, proof of the  
16 determination of the maximum allowable weight by the  
17 Department and the existence of the signs, constitutes  
18 conclusive evidence of the maximum weight that can be  
19 maintained with safety to the bridge or structure.

20 (Source: P.A. 99-78, eff. 7-20-15; 99-717, eff. 8-5-16;  
21 100-366, eff. 1-1-18; 100-728, eff. 1-1-19.)

22 (625 ILCS 5/15-301) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-301)

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

24 (a) The Department with respect to highways under its  
25 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways

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

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

15 (a-1) As used in this Section, "extreme heavy duty tow and  
16 recovery vehicle" means a tow truck manufactured as a unit  
17 having a lifting capacity of not less than 50 tons, and having  
18 either 4 axles and an unladen weight of not more than 80,000  
19 pounds or 5 axles and an unladen weight not more than 90,000  
20 pounds. Notwithstanding otherwise applicable gross and axle  
21 weight limits, an extreme heavy duty tow and recovery vehicle  
22 may lawfully travel to and from the scene of a disablement and  
23 clear a disabled vehicle if the towing service has obtained an  
24 extreme heavy duty tow and recovery permit for the vehicle.  
25 The form and content of the permit shall be determined by the  
26 Department with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and



1 by local authorities with respect to highways under their  
2 jurisdiction.

3 (b) The application for any such permit shall: (1) state  
4 whether such permit is requested for a single trip or for  
5 limited continuous operation; (2) (blank); ~~state if the~~  
6 ~~applicant is an authorized carrier under the Illinois Motor~~  
7 ~~Carrier of Property Law, if so, his certificate, registration,~~  
8 ~~or permit number issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission;~~  
9 (3) specifically describe and identify the vehicle or vehicles  
10 and load to be operated or moved; (4) state the routing  
11 requested, including the points of origin and destination, and  
12 may identify and include a request for routing to the nearest  
13 certified scale in accordance with the Department's rules and  
14 regulations, provided the applicant has approval to travel on  
15 local roads; and (5) (blank) ~~state if the vehicles or loads are~~  
16 ~~being transported for hire. No permits for the movement of a~~  
17 ~~vehicle or load for hire shall be issued to any applicant who~~  
18 ~~is required under the Illinois Motor Carrier of Property Law~~  
19 ~~to have a certificate, registration, or permit and does not~~  
20 ~~have such certificate, registration, or permit.~~

21 (c) The Department or local authority when not  
22 inconsistent with traffic safety is authorized to issue or  
23 withhold such permit at its discretion; or, if such permit is  
24 issued at its discretion to prescribe the route or routes to be  
25 traveled, to limit the number of trips, to establish seasonal  
26 or other time limitations within which the vehicles described

1 may be operated on the highways indicated, or otherwise to  
2 limit or prescribe conditions of operations of such vehicle or  
3 vehicles, when necessary to assure against undue damage to the  
4 road foundations, surfaces or structures, and may require such  
5 undertaking or other security as may be deemed necessary to  
6 compensate for any injury to any roadway or road structure.  
7 The Department shall maintain a daily record of each permit  
8 issued along with the fee and the stipulated dimensions,  
9 weights, conditions, and restrictions authorized and this  
10 record shall be presumed correct in any case of questions or  
11 dispute. The Department shall install an automatic device for  
12 recording telephone conversations involving permit  
13 applications. ~~The applications received and permits issued by~~  
14 ~~telephone. In making application by telephone, the Department~~  
15 and applicant waive all objections to the recording of the  
16 conversation.

17 (d) The Department shall, upon application in writing from  
18 any local authority, issue an annual permit authorizing the  
19 local authority to move oversize highway construction,  
20 transportation, utility, and maintenance equipment over roads  
21 under the jurisdiction of the Department. The permit shall be  
22 applicable only to equipment and vehicles owned by or  
23 registered in the name of the local authority, and no fee shall  
24 be charged for the issuance of such permits.

25 (e) As an exception to subsection (a) of this Section, the  
26 Department and local authorities, with respect to highways

1 under their respective jurisdictions, in their discretion and  
2 upon application in writing, may issue a special permit for  
3 limited continuous operation, authorizing the applicant to  
4 move loads of agricultural commodities on a 2-axle single  
5 vehicle registered by the Secretary of State with axle loads  
6 not to exceed 35%, on a 3-axle or 4-axle vehicle registered by  
7 the Secretary of State with axle loads not to exceed 20%, and  
8 on a 5-axle vehicle registered by the Secretary of State not to  
9 exceed 10% above those provided in Section 15-111. The total  
10 gross weight of the vehicle, however, may not exceed the  
11 maximum gross weight of the registration class of the vehicle  
12 allowed under Section 3-815 or 3-818 of this Code.

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

14 (1) cultivated plants or agricultural produce grown,  
15 including, but not limited to, corn, soybeans, wheat,  
16 oats, grain sorghum, canola, and rice;

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

19 (3) ensilage; and

20 (4) fruits and vegetables.

21 Permits may be issued for a period not to exceed 40 days  
22 and moves may be made of a distance not to exceed 50 miles from  
23 a field, an on-farm grain storage facility, a warehouse as  
24 defined in the Grain Code, or a livestock management facility  
25 as defined in the Livestock Management Facilities Act over any  
26 highway except the National System of Interstate and Defense

1 Highways. The operator of the vehicle, however, must abide by  
2 posted bridge and posted highway weight limits. All implements  
3 of husbandry operating under this Section between sunset and  
4 sunrise shall be equipped as prescribed in Section 12-205.1.

5 (e-1) A special permit shall be issued by the Department  
6 under this Section and shall be required from September 1  
7 through December 31 for a vehicle that exceeds the maximum  
8 axle weight and gross weight limits under Section 15-111 of  
9 this Code or exceeds the vehicle's registered gross weight,  
10 provided that the vehicle's axle weight and gross weight do  
11 not exceed 10% above the maximum limits under Section 15-111  
12 of this Code and does not exceed the vehicle's registered  
13 gross weight by 10%. All other restrictions that apply to  
14 permits issued under this Section shall apply during the  
15 declared time period and no fee shall be charged for the  
16 issuance of those permits. Permits issued by the Department  
17 under this subsection (e-1) are only valid on federal and  
18 State highways under the jurisdiction of the Department,  
19 except interstate highways. With respect to highways under the  
20 jurisdiction of local authorities, the local authorities may,  
21 at their discretion, waive special permit requirements and set  
22 a divisible load weight limit not to exceed 10% above a  
23 vehicle's registered gross weight, provided that the vehicle's  
24 axle weight and gross weight do not exceed 10% above the  
25 maximum limits specified in Section 15-111. Permits issued  
26 under this subsection (e-1) shall apply to all registered

1 vehicles eligible to obtain permits under this Section,  
2 including vehicles used in private or for-hire movement of  
3 divisible load agricultural commodities during the declared  
4 time period.

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

1 vehicle is off route, or any size or weight offense under this  
2 Chapter when the permittee plans to raise the issuance of the  
3 permit as a defense, the permittee, or his agent, must produce  
4 the permit at any court hearing concerning the alleged  
5 offense.

6 If the permit designates and includes a routing to a  
7 certified scale, the permittee, while en route to the  
8 designated scale, shall be deemed in compliance with the  
9 weight provisions of the permit provided the axle or gross  
10 weights do not exceed any of the permitted limits by more than  
11 the following amounts:

12	Single axle	2000 pounds
13	Tandem axle	3000 pounds
14	Gross	5000 pounds

15 (g) The Department is authorized to adopt, amend, and make  
16 available to interested persons a policy concerning reasonable  
17 rules, limitations and conditions or provisions of operation  
18 upon highways under its jurisdiction in addition to those  
19 contained in this Section for the movement by special permit  
20 of vehicles, combinations, or loads which cannot reasonably be  
21 dismantled or disassembled, including manufactured and modular  
22 home sections and portions thereof. All rules, limitations and  
23 conditions or provisions adopted in the policy shall have due  
24 regard for the safety of the traveling public and the  
25 protection of the highway system and shall have been  
26 promulgated in conformity with the provisions of the Illinois

1 Administrative Procedure Act. The requirements of the policy  
2 for flagmen and escort vehicles shall be the same for all moves  
3 of comparable size and weight. When escort vehicles are  
4 required, they shall meet the following requirements:

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

7 (2) Vehicles escorting oversized loads more than 12  
8 feet wide must be equipped with a rotating or flashing  
9 amber light mounted on top as specified under Section  
10 12-215.

11 The Department shall establish reasonable rules and  
12 regulations regarding liability insurance or self insurance  
13 for vehicles with oversized loads promulgated under the  
14 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Police vehicles may be  
15 required for escort under circumstances as required by rules  
16 and regulations of the Department.

17 (h) Violation of any rule, limitation or condition or  
18 provision of any permit issued in accordance with the  
19 provisions of this Section shall not render the entire permit  
20 null and void but the violator shall be deemed guilty of  
21 violation of permit and guilty of exceeding any size, weight,  
22 or load limitations in excess of those authorized by the  
23 permit. The prescribed route or routes on the permit are not  
24 mere rules, limitations, conditions, or provisions of the  
25 permit, but are also the sole extent of the authorization  
26 granted by the permit. If a vehicle and load are found to be

1 off the route or routes prescribed by any permit authorizing  
2 movement, the vehicle and load are operating without a permit.  
3 Any off-route movement shall be subject to the size and weight  
4 maximums, under the applicable provisions of this Chapter, as  
5 determined by the type or class highway upon which the vehicle  
6 and load are being operated.

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

20 (j) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made in  
21 violation of a permit issued in accordance with this Section,  
22 the person to whom such permit was granted, or the driver of  
23 such vehicle, is guilty of such violation and either, but not  
24 both, persons may be prosecuted for such violation as stated  
25 in this subsection (j). Any person, firm, or corporation  
26 convicted of such violation shall be guilty of a petty offense



1 and shall be fined, for the first offense, not less than \$50  
2 nor more than \$200 and, for the second offense by the same  
3 person, firm, or corporation within a period of one year, not  
4 less than \$200 nor more than \$300 and, for the third offense by  
5 the same person, firm, or corporation within a period of one  
6 year after the date of the first offense, not less than \$300  
7 nor more than \$500 and the Department may, in its discretion,  
8 not issue permits to the person, firm, or corporation  
9 convicted of a third offense during a period of one year after  
10 the date of conviction or supervision for such third offense.  
11 If any violation is the cause or contributing cause in a motor  
12 vehicle accident causing damage to property, injury, or death  
13 to a person, the Department may, in its discretion, not issue a  
14 permit to the person, firm, or corporation for a period of one  
15 year after the date of conviction or supervision for the  
16 offense.

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

22 (l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,  
23 the Department, with respect to highways under its  
24 jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to highways  
25 under their jurisdiction, may at their discretion authorize  
26 the movement of a vehicle in violation of any size or weight

1 requirement, or both, that would not ordinarily be eligible  
2 for a permit, when there is a showing of extreme necessity that  
3 the vehicle and load should be moved without unnecessary  
4 delay.

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

9 (m) Penalties for violations of this Section shall be in  
10 addition to any penalties imposed for violating any other  
11 Section of this Code.

12 (n) The Department with respect to highways under its  
13 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways  
14 under their jurisdiction, in their discretion and upon  
15 application in writing, may issue a special permit for  
16 continuous limited operation, authorizing the applicant to  
17 operate a tow truck that exceeds the weight limits provided  
18 for in subsection (a) of Section 15-111, provided:

19 (1) no rear single axle of the tow truck exceeds  
20 26,000 pounds;

21 (2) no rear tandem axle of the tow truck exceeds  
22 50,000 pounds;

23 (2.1) no triple rear axle on a manufactured recovery  
24 unit exceeds 60,000 pounds;

25 (3) neither the disabled vehicle nor the disabled  
26 combination of vehicles exceed the weight restrictions

1 imposed by this Chapter 15, or the weight limits imposed  
2 under a permit issued by the Department prior to hookup;

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

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

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

10 (7) the tow truck is specifically designed and  
11 licensed as a tow truck;

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

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

15 (10) the tow truck is capable of utilizing the  
16 lighting and braking systems of the disabled vehicle or  
17 combination of vehicles;

18 (11) the tow commences at the initial point of wreck  
19 or disablement and terminates at a point where the repairs  
20 are actually to occur;

21 (12) the permit issued to the tow truck is carried in  
22 the tow truck and exhibited on demand by a police officer;  
23 and

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

26 (o) (Blank).

1           (p) In determining whether a load may be reasonably  
2 dismantled or disassembled for the purpose of subsection (a),  
3 the Department shall consider whether there is a significant  
4 negative impact on the condition of the pavement and  
5 structures along the proposed route, whether the load or  
6 vehicle as proposed causes a safety hazard to the traveling  
7 public, whether dismantling or disassembling the load promotes  
8 or stifles economic development, and whether the proposed  
9 route travels less than 5 miles. A load is not required to be  
10 dismantled or disassembled for the purposes of subsection (a)  
11 if the Secretary of the Department determines there will be no  
12 significant negative impact to pavement or structures along  
13 the proposed route, the proposed load or vehicle causes no  
14 safety hazard to the traveling public, dismantling or  
15 disassembling the load does not promote economic development,  
16 and the proposed route travels less than 5 miles. The  
17 Department may promulgate rules for the purpose of  
18 establishing the divisibility of a load pursuant to subsection  
19 (a). Any load determined by the Secretary to be nondivisible  
20 shall otherwise comply with the existing size or weight  
21 maximums specified in this Chapter.

22           (Source: P.A. 100-70, eff. 8-11-17; 100-728, eff. 1-1-19;  
23 100-830, eff. 1-1-19; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18; 100-1090, eff.  
24 1-1-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-547, eff. 1-1-20.)

25           (625 ILCS 5/15-307) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-307)

1           Sec. 15-307. Fees for overweight-gross loads. Fees for  
2 special permits to move vehicles, combinations of vehicles and  
3 loads with overweight-gross loads shall be paid at the flat  
4 rate fees established in this Section for weights in excess of  
5 legal gross weights, by the applicant to the Department.

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

10           (b) In lieu of the fees stated in this Section and Section  
11 15-306, with respect to combinations of vehicles consisting of  
12 a 3-axle truck tractor with a tandem axle composed of 2  
13 consecutive axles drawing a semitrailer, or other vehicle  
14 approved by the Department, equipped with a tandem axle  
15 composed of 3 consecutive axles, weighing over 80,000 pounds  
16 but not more than 88,000 pounds gross weight, the fees shall be  
17 at the following rates:

18           Distance	Rate
19           For the first 45 miles	\$10
20           From 45 miles to 90 miles	12.50
21           From 90 miles to 135 miles	15.00
22           From 135 miles to 180 miles	17.50
23           From 180 miles to 225 miles	20.00
24           For each additional 45 miles or part thereof in	
25           excess of the rate for 225 miles, an additional	2.50
26           For such combinations weighing over 88,000 pounds but not	

1 more than 100,000 pounds gross weight, the fees shall be at the  
2 following rates:

3	Distance	Rate
4	For the first 45 miles	15
5	From 45 miles to 90 miles	25
6	From 90 miles to 135 miles	35
7	From 135 miles to 180 miles	45
8	From 180 miles to 225 miles	55

9 For each additional 45 miles or part thereof in  
10 excess of the rate for 225 miles, an additional 10

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

14	Distance	Rate
15	For the first 45 miles	\$20
16	From 45 miles to 90 miles	32.50
17	From 90 miles to 135 miles	45
18	From 135 miles to 180 miles	57.50
19	From 180 miles to 225 miles	70

20 For each additional 45 miles or part thereof in  
21 excess of the rate for 225 miles an additional 12.50

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

25	Distance	Rate
26	For the first 45 miles	\$30

1	From 46 miles to 90 miles	55
2	From 90 miles to 135 miles	80
3	From 135 miles to 180 miles	105
4	From 180 miles to 225 miles	130
5	For each additional 45 miles or part thereof in	
6	excess of the rate for 225 miles an additional	25

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

11       (c) In lieu of the fees stated in this Section and Section  
12 15-306 of this Chapter, with respect to combinations of  
13 vehicles consisting of a 3-axle truck tractor with a tandem  
14 axle composed of 2 consecutive axles drawing a semitrailer, or  
15 other vehicle approved by the Department, equipped with a  
16 tandem axle composed of 2 consecutive axles, weighing over  
17 80,000 pounds but not more than 88,000 pounds gross weight,  
18 the fees shall be at the following rates:

19	Distance	Rate
20	For the first 45 miles	\$20
21	From 45 miles to 90 miles	32.50
22	From 90 miles to 135 miles	45
23	From 135 miles to 180 miles	57.50
24	From 180 miles to 225 miles	70
25	For each additional <u>45</u> <del>60</del> miles or part thereof in	
26	excess of the rate for 225 miles an additional	12.50

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

4           Distance	Rate
5           For the first 45 miles	\$30
6           From 46 miles to 90 miles	55
7           From 90 miles to 135 miles	80
8           From 135 miles to 180 miles	105
9           From 180 miles to 225 miles	130

10          For each additional 45 miles or part thereof in  
11 excess of the rate for 225 miles an additional                   25

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

16          (d) In lieu of the fees stated in this Section and in  
17 Section 15-306 of this Chapter, with respect to a 3 (or more)  
18 axle mobile crane or water well-drilling vehicle consisting of  
19 a single axle and a tandem axle or 2 tandem axle groups  
20 composed of 2 consecutive axles each, with a distance of  
21 extreme axles not less than 18 feet, weighing not more than  
22 60,000 pounds gross with no single axle weighing more than  
23 21,000 pounds, or any tandem axle group to exceed 40,000  
24 pounds, the fees shall be at the following rates:

25           Distance	Rate
26           For the first 45 miles	\$12.50



1 For each additional 45 miles or portion thereof 9.00

2 For such vehicles weighing over 60,000 pounds but not more  
3 than 68,000 pounds with no single axle weighing more than  
4 21,000 pounds and no tandem axle group exceeding 48,000  
5 pounds, the fees shall be at the following rates:

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

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

13 (e) In lieu of the fees stated in this Section and in  
14 Section 15-306 of this Chapter, with respect to a 4 (or more)  
15 axle mobile crane or water well drilling vehicle consisting of  
16 2 sets of tandem axles composed of 2 or more consecutive axles  
17 each with a distance between extreme axles of not less than 23  
18 feet weighing not more than 72,000 pounds with axle weights on  
19 one set of tandem axles not more than 34,000 pounds, and weight  
20 in the other set of tandem axles not to exceed 40,000 pounds,  
21 the fees shall be at the following rates:

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

25 For such vehicles weighing over 72,000 pounds but not more  
26 than 76,000 pounds with axle weights on either set of tandem

1 axles not more than 44,000 pounds, the fees shall be at the  
2 following rates:

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

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

10 (f) In lieu of fees stated in this Section and in Section  
11 15-306 of this Chapter, with respect to a two axle mobile crane  
12 or water well-drilling vehicle consisting of 2 single axles  
13 weighing not more than 48,000 pounds with no single axle  
14 weighing more than 25,000 pounds, the fees shall be at the  
15 following rates:

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

19 For such vehicles weighing over 48,000 pounds but not more  
20 than 54,000 pounds with no single axle weighing more than  
21 28,000 pounds, the fees shall be at the following rates:

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

25 Payment of overweight fees for the above vehicle shall  
26 include overwidth dimension of 4 feet or less, overheight and

1 overlength. Any overwidth in excess of 4 feet shall be charged  
2 an additional overwidth fee of \$15.

3 (g) Fees for special permits to move vehicles,  
4 combinations of vehicles, and loads with overweight gross  
5 loads not included in the fee categories shall be paid by the  
6 applicant to the Department at the rate of \$50 plus 3.5 cents  
7 per ton-mile in excess of legal weight.

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

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

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

25 The following configurations qualify for the quarterly and  
26 annual permits:

1           (1) 3 or more axles, total gross weight of 68,000  
2 pounds or less, front tandem or axle 21,000 pounds or  
3 less, rear tandem 48,000 pounds or less on 2 or 3 axles,  
4 25,000 pounds or less on single axle;

5           (2) 4 or more axles, total gross weight of 76,000  
6 pounds or less, front tandem 44,000 pounds or less on 2  
7 axles, front axle 20,000 pounds or less, rear tandem  
8 44,000 pounds or less on 2 axles and 23,000 pounds or less  
9 on single axle or 48,000 pounds or less on 3 axles, 25,000  
10 pounds or less on single axle;

11           (3) 5 or more axles, total gross weight of 100,000  
12 pounds or less, front tandem 48,000 pounds or less on 2  
13 axles, front axle 20,000 pounds or less, 25,000 pounds or  
14 less on single axle, rear tandem 48,000 pounds or less on 2  
15 axles, 25,000 pounds or less on single axle;

16           (4) 6 or more axles, total gross weight of 120,000  
17 pounds or less, front tandem 48,000 pounds or less on 2  
18 axles, front axle 20,000 pounds or less, single axle  
19 25,000 pounds or less, or rear tandem 60,000 pounds or  
20 less on 3 axles, 21,000 pounds or less on single axles  
21 within a tandem.

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

23           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
24 becoming law.