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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2584

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2584 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Sections 12-812 and 15-102 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-812) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-812)

7 Sec. 12-812. Rules and regulations. (a) The Department may  
8 promulgate rules and regulations to more completely specify  
9 the equipment requirements of this Article and may establish  
10 by rule a pilot program to permit the testing of safety  
11 equipment not otherwise prohibited by State or federal law.

12 (b) All rules, regulations and standards promulgated from  
13 time to time by the State Board of Education and the Department  
14 for the safety and construction of school buses shall be  
15 applicable to every motor vehicle in this State defined as a  
16 school bus under Section 1-182.

1 (Source: P.A. 81-1508.)

2 (625 ILCS 5/15-102) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-102)

3 Sec. 15-102. Width of vehicles.

4 (a) On Class III and non-designated State and local  
5 highways, the total outside width of any vehicle or load  
6 thereon shall not exceed 8 feet 6 inches.

7 (b) Except during those times when, due to insufficient  
8 light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and  
9 vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a  
10 distance of 1000 feet, the following vehicles may exceed the 8  
11 feet 6 inch limitation during the period from a half hour  
12 before sunrise to a half hour after sunset:

13 (1) Loads of hay, straw or other similar farm products  
14 provided that the load is not more than 12 feet wide.

15 (2) Implements of husbandry being transported on  
16 another vehicle and the transporting vehicle while loaded.

17 The following requirements apply to the transportation  
18 on another vehicle of an implement of husbandry wider than  
19 8 feet 6 inches on the National System of Interstate and  
20 Defense Highways or other highways in the system of State  
21 highways:

22 (A) The driver of a vehicle transporting an  
23 implement of husbandry that exceeds 8 feet 6 inches in  
24 width shall obey all traffic laws and shall check the  
25 roadways prior to making a movement in order to ensure

1           that adequate clearance is available for the movement.  
2           It is prima facie evidence that the driver of a vehicle  
3           transporting an implement of husbandry has failed to  
4           check the roadway prior to making a movement if the  
5           vehicle is involved in a collision with a bridge,  
6           overpass, fixed structure, or properly placed traffic  
7           control device or if the vehicle blocks traffic due to  
8           its inability to proceed because of a bridge,  
9           overpass, fixed structure, or properly placed traffic  
10          control device.

11           (B) Flags shall be displayed so as to wave freely  
12          at the extremities of overwidth objects and at the  
13          extreme ends of all protrusions, projections, and  
14          overhangs. All flags shall be clean, bright red flags  
15          with no advertising, wording, emblem, or insignia  
16          inscribed upon them and at least 18 inches square.

17           (C) "OVERSIZE LOAD" signs are mandatory on the  
18          front and rear of all vehicles with loads over 10 feet  
19          wide. These signs must have 12-inch high black letters  
20          with a 2-inch stroke on a yellow sign that is 7 feet  
21          wide by 18 inches high.

22           (D) One civilian escort vehicle is required for a  
23          load that exceeds 14 feet 6 inches in width and 2  
24          civilian escort vehicles are required for a load that  
25          exceeds 16 feet in width on the National System of  
26          Interstate and Defense Highways or other highways in

1 the system of State highways.

2 (E) The requirements for a civilian escort vehicle  
3 and driver are as follows:

4 (1) The civilian escort vehicle shall be a  
5 vehicle not exceeding a gross vehicle weight  
6 rating of 26,000 pounds that is designed to afford  
7 clear and unobstructed vision to both front and  
8 rear.

9 (2) The escort vehicle driver must be properly  
10 licensed to operate the vehicle.

11 (3) While in use, the escort vehicle must be  
12 equipped with illuminated rotating, oscillating,  
13 or flashing amber lights or flashing amber strobe  
14 lights mounted on top that are of sufficient  
15 intensity to be visible at 500 feet in normal  
16 sunlight.

17 (4) "OVERSIZE LOAD" signs are mandatory on all  
18 escort vehicles. The sign on an escort vehicle  
19 shall have 8-inch high black letters on a yellow  
20 sign that is 5 feet wide by 12 inches high.

21 (5) When only one escort vehicle is required  
22 and it is operating on a two-lane highway, the  
23 escort vehicle shall travel approximately 300 feet  
24 ahead of the load. The rotating, oscillating, or  
25 flashing lights or flashing amber strobe lights  
26 and an "OVERSIZE LOAD" sign shall be displayed on

1 the escort vehicle and shall be visible from the  
2 front. When only one escort vehicle is required  
3 and it is operating on a multilane divided  
4 highway, the escort vehicle shall travel  
5 approximately 300 feet behind the load and the  
6 sign and lights shall be visible from the rear.

7 (6) When 2 escort vehicles are required, one  
8 escort shall travel approximately 300 feet ahead  
9 of the load and the second escort shall travel  
10 approximately 300 feet behind the load. The  
11 rotating, oscillating, or flashing lights or  
12 flashing amber strobe lights and an "OVERSIZE  
13 LOAD" sign shall be displayed on the escort  
14 vehicles and shall be visible from the front on  
15 the lead escort and from the rear on the trailing  
16 escort.

17 (7) When traveling within the corporate limits  
18 of a municipality, the escort vehicle shall  
19 maintain a reasonable and proper distance from the  
20 oversize load, consistent with existing traffic  
21 conditions.

22 (8) A separate escort shall be provided for  
23 each load hauled.

24 (9) The driver of an escort vehicle shall obey  
25 all traffic laws.

26 (10) The escort vehicle must be in safe

1 operational condition.

2 (11) The driver of the escort vehicle must be  
3 in radio contact with the driver of the vehicle  
4 carrying the oversize load.

5 (F) A transport vehicle while under load of more  
6 than 8 feet 6 inches in width must be equipped with an  
7 illuminated rotating, oscillating, or flashing amber  
8 light or lights or a flashing amber strobe light or  
9 lights mounted on the top of the cab that are of  
10 sufficient intensity to be visible at 500 feet in  
11 normal sunlight. If the load on the transport vehicle  
12 blocks the visibility of the amber lighting from the  
13 rear of the vehicle, the vehicle must also be equipped  
14 with an illuminated rotating, oscillating, or flashing  
15 amber light or lights or a flashing amber strobe light  
16 or lights mounted on the rear of the load that are of  
17 sufficient intensity to be visible at 500 feet in  
18 normal sunlight.

19 (G) When a flashing amber light is required on the  
20 transport vehicle under load and it is operating on a  
21 two-lane highway, the transport vehicle shall display  
22 to the rear at least one rotating, oscillating, or  
23 flashing light or a flashing amber strobe light and an  
24 "OVERSIZE LOAD" sign. When a flashing amber light is  
25 required on the transport vehicle under load and it is  
26 operating on a multilane divided highway, the sign and

1 light shall be visible from the rear.

2 (H) Maximum speed shall be 45 miles per hour on all  
3 such moves or 5 miles per hour above the posted minimum  
4 speed limit, whichever is greater, but the vehicle  
5 shall not at any time exceed the posted maximum speed  
6 limit.

7 (3) Portable buildings designed and used for  
8 agricultural and livestock raising operations that are not  
9 more than 14 feet wide and with not more than a 1 foot  
10 overhang along the left side of the hauling vehicle.  
11 However, the buildings shall not be transported more than  
12 10 miles and not on any route that is part of the National  
13 System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

14 All buildings when being transported shall display at  
15 least 2 red cloth flags, not less than 12 inches square,  
16 mounted as high as practicable on the left and right side of  
17 the building.

18 A State Police escort shall be required if it is necessary  
19 for this load to use part of the left lane when crossing any 2  
20 laned State highway bridge.

21 (c) Vehicles propelled by electric power obtained from  
22 overhead trolley wires operated wholly within the corporate  
23 limits of a municipality are also exempt from the width  
24 limitation.

25 (d) (Blank).

26 (d-1) A recreational vehicle, as defined in Section 1-169,

1 may exceed 8 feet 6 inches in width if:

2 (1) the excess width is attributable to appurtenances  
3 that extend 6 inches or less beyond either side of the body  
4 of the vehicle; and

5 (2) the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling has  
6 marked lanes for vehicular traffic that are at least 11  
7 feet in width.

8 As used in this subsection (d-1) and in subsection (d-2),  
9 the term appurtenance includes (i) a retracted awning and its  
10 support hardware and (ii) any appendage that is intended to be  
11 an integral part of a recreation vehicle.

12 (d-2) A recreational vehicle that exceeds 8 feet 6 inches  
13 in width as provided in subsection (d-1) may travel any  
14 roadway of the State if the vehicle is being operated between a  
15 roadway permitted under subsection (d-1) and:

16 (1) the location where the recreation vehicle is  
17 garaged;

18 (2) the destination of the recreation vehicle; or

19 (3) a facility for food, fuel, repair, services, or  
20 rest.

21 (e) A vehicle and load traveling upon the National System  
22 of Interstate and Defense Highways or any other highway in the  
23 system of State highways that has been designated as a Class I  
24 or Class II highway by the Department, or any street or highway  
25 designated by local authorities, may have a total outside  
26 width of 8 feet 6 inches, provided that certain safety devices



1 that the Department determines as necessary for the safe and  
2 efficient operation of motor vehicles shall not be included in  
3 the calculation of width.

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

7 (f) Mirrors required by Section 12-502 of this Code ~~and~~  
8 ~~other safety devices identified by the Department~~ may project  
9 up to 14 inches beyond each side of a bus and up to 6 inches  
10 beyond each side of any other vehicle, and that projection  
11 shall not be deemed a violation of the width restrictions of  
12 this Section.

13 (g) 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 (h) Safety devices identified by the Department in  
17 accordance with Section 12-812 shall not be deemed a violation  
18 of the width restrictions of this Section.

19 (Source: P.A. 100-830, eff. 1-1-19.)".