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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1808

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1808 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.)".