

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 and 15-116 as follows:

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

7 Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

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

10 (1) Semitrailers.

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

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

18 (b) (Blank).

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

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

23 (2) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one converter

1 dolly or one semitrailer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (F) All vehicles must be properly equipped with
26 operating brakes and safety equipment required by this

1 Code, except the additional brake requirement in
2 subdivision (C) of this subparagraph (5).

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

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

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

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

21 (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway
22 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement
23 to a place of repair. Any additional movement of the
24 vehicles may occur only upon issuance of authorization
25 for that movement under the provisions of Sections
26 15-301 through 15-318 of this Code.

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

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

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

10 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 65
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 or a goose-neck hitch ball.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (6) Stinger-steered semitrailer vehicles specifically
26 designed to transport motor vehicles or boats and

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

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

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

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

22 Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en
23 route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities
24 or properties are exempt from length limitations, provided
25 that during night operations every vehicle and its load must
26 be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on

1 both sides and marker lamps on the extreme ends of any
2 projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 not apply to trailers or semi-trailers used for the
2 transport of livestock as defined by Section 18b-101.

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

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

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

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

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

24 (8) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled
25 together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed
26 97 feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

25 Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways
26 under their jurisdiction, may also by ordinance or resolution

1 allow length limitations of this subsection (e).

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

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

12 (e-1) (Blank).

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

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

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

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

26 (B) the route is not being used as a thoroughfare

1 between Class I or Class II highways.

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

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

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

18 (2) Semitrailers, unladen or with load, may not exceed
19 53 feet overall dimension.

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

23 (4) The distance between the kingpin and the center
24 axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in combination
25 with a truck tractor, may not exceed 42 feet 6 inches. The
26 limit contained in this paragraph (4) shall not apply to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (i) The load upon the front vehicle of an automobile
25 transporter or a stinger-steered vehicle specifically designed
26 to transport motor vehicles shall not extend more than 4 feet

1 beyond the foremost part of the transporting vehicle and the
2 load upon the rear transporting vehicle shall not extend more
3 than 6 feet beyond the rear of the bed or body of the vehicle.
4 This paragraph shall only be applicable upon highways
5 designated in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this Section.

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

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

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

17 (j-1) (Blank).

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

21 (l) (Blank).

22 (Source: P.A. 101-328, eff. 1-1-20; 102-124, eff. 7-23-21.)

23 (625 ILCS 5/15-116)

24 Sec. 15-116. Highway designations.

25 (a) The Department of Transportation shall maintain and

1 provide a listing of all Class I and Class II designated
2 streets and highways as defined in Chapter 1 of this Code.

3 (b) The Department shall also maintain and provide a
4 listing of all local streets or highways that have been
5 designated Class II by local agencies.

6 (c) Local agencies shall be responsible for reporting to
7 the Department all streets and highways under their
8 jurisdiction designated Class II. Local agencies shall also
9 provide to the Department reference contact names and
10 telephone numbers.

11 (d) The Department shall also maintain and provide an
12 official map of the Designated State Truck Route System that
13 includes State and local streets and highways that have been
14 designated Class I or Class II.

15 (e) If a unit of local government has no Class II
16 designated truck routes, the unit of local government shall
17 affirm to the Department that it has no such truck routes.

18 (f) Each unit of local government shall ~~may~~ report to the
19 Department, and the Department shall post on its official
20 website, any limitations prohibiting the operation of vehicles
21 imposed by ordinance or resolution in the unit of local
22 government's non-designated highway system and any
23 non-designated highway that is not designed and constructed
24 after January 1, 2023 to the overall length dimension of
25 vehicles permitted under paragraph (1) of subsection (f) of
26 Section 15-107.

1 (Source: P.A. 101-328, eff. 1-1-20.)