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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2278

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2278, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
6 changing Sections 15-107 and 15-116 as 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)

1 shall be exclusive of energy-absorbing bumpers and rear view
2 mirrors.

3 (b) (Blank).

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

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

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

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

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

15 (5) Recreational vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,
16 provided the following:

17 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 60
18 feet.

19 (B) The towing vehicle is a properly registered
20 vehicle capable of towing another vehicle using a
21 fifth-wheel type assembly.

22 (C) The second vehicle in the combination of
23 vehicles is a recreational vehicle that is towed by a
24 fifth-wheel assembly. This vehicle must be properly
25 registered and must be equipped with brakes,
26 regardless of weight.

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

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

7 (F) All vehicles must be properly equipped with
8 operating brakes and safety equipment required by this
9 Code, except the additional brake requirement in
10 subdivision (C) of this subparagraph (5).

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

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

23 (B) Is equipped with flashing, rotating, or
24 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500
25 feet in all directions.

26 (C) Is capable of utilizing the lighting and

1 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
2 of vehicles.

3 (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway
4 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement
5 to a place of repair. Any additional movement of the
6 vehicles may occur only upon issuance of authorization
7 for that movement under the provisions of Sections
8 15-301 through 15-318 of this Code.

9 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe
10 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a
11 tow truck towing another vehicle.

12 For purposes of this Section, a tow-dolly that merely
13 serves as substitute wheels for another legally licensed
14 vehicle is considered part of the licensed vehicle and not
15 a separate vehicle.

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

18 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 65
19 feet.

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

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

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

1 Code.

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

5 (F) The combination of vehicles must be en route
6 to a location where new or used trailers are sold by an
7 Illinois or out-of-state licensed new or used trailer
8 dealer.

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

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

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

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

19 (c-2) A combination of 3 vehicles is allowed access from
20 any State designated highway onto any county, township, or
21 municipal highway for a distance of 5 highway miles for the
22 purpose of delivery or collection of one or both of the towed
23 vehicles if:

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

26 (2) the combination of vehicles does not exceed 40,000

1 pounds in gross weight and 8 feet 6 inches in width;

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

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

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

9 (d) On Class I highways there are no overall length
10 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations
11 provided:

12 (1) The length of a semitrailer, unladen or with load,
13 in combination with a truck tractor may not exceed 53
14 feet.

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

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

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

1 (5) Combinations of vehicles specifically designed to
2 transport motor vehicles or boats may not exceed 65 feet
3 overall dimension. The length limitation is inclusive of
4 front and rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of
5 the transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of
6 this Section.

7 (6) Stinger-steered semitrailer vehicles specifically
8 designed to transport motor vehicles or boats and
9 automobile transporters, as defined in Chapter 1, may not
10 exceed 80 feet overall dimension. The length limitation is
11 inclusive of front and rear bumpers but exclusive of the
12 overhang of the transported vehicles, as provided in
13 paragraph (i) of this Section.

14 (7) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled
15 together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed
16 97 feet overall dimension.

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

19 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when transporting
20 poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural
21 nature that cannot readily be dismantled or disassembled are
22 exempt from length limitations, provided that no object may
23 exceed 80 feet in length and the overall dimension of the
24 vehicle including the load may not exceed 100 feet. This
25 exemption does not apply to operation on a Saturday, Sunday,
26 or legal holiday. Legal holidays referred to in this Section

1 are the days on which the following traditional holidays are
2 celebrated: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day;
3 Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

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

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

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

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

25 (e) On Class II highways there are no overall length
26 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations,

1 provided:

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

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

11 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
12 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may not exceed
13 65 feet in dimension from front axle to rear axle.

14 (4) 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 (5) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter 1,
19 may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

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

26 (7) Stinger-steered semitrailer vehicles specifically

1 designed to transport motor vehicles or boats 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 (8) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled
7 together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed
8 97 feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

20 (e-1) (Blank).

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

25 (1) From a Class I highway onto any street or highway
26 for a distance of one highway mile for the purpose of

1 loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest,
2 provided there is no sign prohibiting that access.

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

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

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

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

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

18 (1) A truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer
19 may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension. An agency or
20 instrumentality of the State ~~of Illinois~~ or any unit of
21 local government shall not be required to design or
22 construct a new non-designated highway or to widen or
23 otherwise alter a non-designated highway ~~constructed~~
24 ~~before January 1, 2018~~ to accommodate truck
25 tractor-semitrailer combinations under this paragraph (1).

26 (2) Semitrailers, unladen or with load, may not exceed

1 53 feet overall dimension.

2 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
3 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer may not exceed 60 feet
4 overall dimension.

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

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

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

24 (2) Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility
25 while en route to make emergency repairs to public service
26 facilities or properties, but during night operation every

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

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

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

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

16 (h) The load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the load
17 upon the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles, shall not
18 extend more than 3 feet beyond the front wheels of the vehicle
19 or the front bumper of the vehicle if it is equipped with a
20 front bumper. The provisions of this subsection (h) shall not
21 apply to any vehicle or combination of vehicles specifically
22 designed for the collection and transportation of waste,
23 garbage, or recyclable materials during the vehicle's
24 operation in the course of collecting garbage, waste, or
25 recyclable materials if the vehicle is traveling at a speed
26 not in excess of 15 miles per hour during the vehicle's

1 operation and in the course of collecting garbage, waste, or
2 recyclable materials. However, in no instance shall the load
3 extend more than 7 feet beyond the front wheels of the vehicle
4 or the front bumper of the vehicle if it is equipped with a
5 front bumper.

6 (i) The load upon the front vehicle of an automobile
7 transporter or a stinger-steered vehicle specifically designed
8 to transport motor vehicles shall not extend more than 4 feet
9 beyond the foremost part of the transporting vehicle and the
10 load upon the rear transporting vehicle shall not extend more
11 than 6 feet beyond the rear of the bed or body of the vehicle.
12 This paragraph shall only be applicable upon highways
13 designated in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this Section.

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

19 1. operated by or for any public body or motor carrier
20 authorized by law to provide public transportation
21 services; or

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

25 (j-1) (Blank).

26 (k) Any person who is convicted of violating this Section

1 is subject to the penalty as provided in paragraph (b) of
2 Section 15-113.

3 (1) (Blank).

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

5 (625 ILCS 5/15-116)

6 Sec. 15-116. Highway designations.

7 (a) The Department of Transportation shall maintain and
8 provide a listing of all Class I and Class II designated
9 streets and highways as defined in Chapter 1 of this Code.

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

13 (c) Local agencies shall be responsible for reporting to
14 the Department all streets and highways under their
15 jurisdiction designated Class II. Local agencies shall also
16 provide to the Department reference contact names and
17 telephone numbers.

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

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

25 (f) Each unit of local government shall ~~may~~ report to the

1 Department, and the Department shall post on its official
2 website, any limitations prohibiting the operation of vehicles
3 imposed by ordinance or resolution in the unit of local
4 government's non-designated highway system and any
5 non-designated highway that is not designed and constructed
6 after January 1, 2023 to the overall length dimension of
7 vehicles permitted under paragraph (1) of subsection (f) of
8 Section 15-107.

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