

1 AN ACT concerning vehicles.

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 15-308.2 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) shall
17 be exclusive of energy-absorbing bumpers and rear view mirrors.

18 (b) On all non-State highways, the maximum length of
19 vehicles in combinations is as follows:

20 (1) A truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer
21 may not exceed 55 feet overall dimension.

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

24 (3) Combinations specially designed to transport motor
25 vehicles or boats may not exceed 60 feet overall dimension.

26 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when transporting
27 poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural
28 nature that cannot readily be dismembered are exempt from
29 length limitations, provided that no object may exceed 80 feet
30 in length and the overall dimension of the vehicle including
31 the load may not exceed 100 feet. This exemption does not apply
32 to operation on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Legal

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

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

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

16 All other combinations not listed in this subsection (b)
17 may not exceed 60 feet overall dimension.

18 (c) Combinations of vehicles may not exceed a total of 2
19 vehicles except the following:

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

21 (2) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one converter
22 dolly.

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

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

28 (5) Recreational vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,
29 provided the following:

30 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 60
31 feet.

32 (B) The towing vehicle is a properly registered
33 vehicle capable of towing another vehicle using a
34 fifth-wheel type assembly.

35 (C) The second vehicle in the combination of
36 vehicles is a recreational vehicle that is towed by a

1 fifth-wheel assembly. This vehicle must be properly
2 registered and must be equipped with brakes,
3 regardless of weight.

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

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

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

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

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

26 (B) Is equipped with flashing, rotating, or
27 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet
28 in all directions.

29 (C) Is capable of utilizing the lighting and
30 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
31 of vehicles.

32 (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway
33 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement to
34 a place of repair. Any additional movement of the
35 vehicles may occur only upon issuance of authorization
36 for that movement under the provisions of Sections

1 15-301 through 15-319 of this Code.

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

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 feet.

14 (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center of
15 the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in
16 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet 6
17 inches.

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

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

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

29 (6) Stinger steered semitrailer vehicles as defined in
30 Chapter 1, specifically designed to transport motor
31 vehicles or boats, may not exceed 75 feet overall
32 dimension. The length limitation is inclusive of front and
33 rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of the
34 transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of this
35 Section.

36 (7) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled

1 together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed 75
2 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 dismembered are exempt from
6 length limitations, provided that no object may exceed 80 feet
7 in length and the overall dimension of the vehicle including
8 the load may not exceed 100 feet. This exemption does not apply
9 to operation on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Legal
10 holidays referred to in this Section are the days on which the
11 following traditional holidays are celebrated: New Year's Day;
12 Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day;
13 and Christmas Day.

14 Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en
15 route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities or
16 properties are exempt from length limitations, provided that
17 during night operations every vehicle and its load must be
18 equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both
19 sides and marker lamps on the extreme ends of any projecting
20 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 The length limitations described in this paragraph (d)
26 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,
27 such as bumpers, refrigeration units or air compressors and
28 other devices, that the Department may interpret as necessary
29 for safe and efficient operation; except that no device
30 excluded under this paragraph shall have by its design or use
31 the capability to carry cargo.

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

35 (e) On Class II highways there are no overall length
36 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 feet
4 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.

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

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

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

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

23 (7) Stinger steered semitrailer vehicles, as defined
24 in Chapter 1, specifically designed to transport motor
25 vehicles or boats, may not exceed 75 feet overall
26 dimension. The length limitation is inclusive of front and
27 rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of the
28 transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of this
29 Section.

30 (8) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled
31 together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed 75
32 feet overall dimension.

33 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when transporting
34 poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural
35 nature that cannot readily be dismembered are exempt from
36 length limitations, provided that no object may exceed 80 feet

1 in length and the overall dimension of the vehicle including
2 the load may not exceed 100 feet. This exemption does not apply
3 to operation on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Legal
4 holidays referred to in this Section are the days on which the
5 following traditional holidays are celebrated: New Year's Day;
6 Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day;
7 and Christmas Day.

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

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

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

22 The length limitations described in this paragraph (e)
23 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,
24 such as bumpers, refrigeration units or air compressors and
25 other devices, that the Department may interpret as necessary
26 for safe and efficient operation; except that no device
27 excluded under this paragraph shall have by its design or use
28 the capability to carry cargo.

29 (e-1) Combinations of vehicles not exceeding 65 feet
30 overall length are allowed access as follows:

31 (1) From any State designated highway onto any county,
32 township, or municipal highway for a distance of 5 highway
33 miles for the purpose of loading and unloading, provided:

34 (A) The vehicle does not exceed 73,280 pounds in
35 gross weight and 8 feet 6 inches in width.

36 (B) There is no sign prohibiting that access.

1 (C) The route is not being used as a thoroughfare
2 between State designated highways.

3 (2) From any State designated highway onto any county
4 or township highway for a distance of 5 highway miles or
5 onto any municipal highway for a distance of one highway
6 mile for the purpose of food, fuel, repairs, and rest,
7 provided:

8 (A) The vehicle does not exceed 73,280 pounds in
9 gross weight and 8 feet 6 inches in width.

10 (B) There is no sign prohibiting that access.

11 (C) The route is not being used as a thoroughfare
12 between State designated highways.

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 State
22 highway or any locally designated highway for a distance of
23 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading, unloading,
24 food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

25 (e-3) Combinations of vehicles over 65 feet in length
26 operated by household goods carriers, with no overall length
27 limitations except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of
28 this Section, have unlimited access to points of loading and
29 unloading.

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

33 (f) On Class III and other non-designated State highways,
34 the length limitations for vehicles in combination are as
35 follows:

36 (1) Truck tractor-semitrailer combinations, must

1 comply with either a maximum 55 feet overall wheel base or
2 a maximum 65 feet extreme overall dimension.

3 (2) Semitrailers, unladen or with load, may not exceed
4 53 feet overall dimension.

5 (3) No truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination
6 may exceed 60 feet extreme overall dimension.

7 (4) The distance between the kingpin and the center
8 axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in combination
9 with a truck tractor, may not exceed 42 feet 6 inches.

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

12 (1) Vehicles operated in the daytime, except on
13 Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays, when transporting
14 poles, pipe, machinery, or other objects of a structural
15 nature that cannot readily be dismembered, provided the
16 overall length of vehicle and load may not exceed 100 feet
17 and no object exceeding 80 feet in length may be
18 transported unless a permit has been obtained as authorized
19 in Section 15-301.

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

27 (3) A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle
28 or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the towing
29 vehicle meets the following conditions:

30 (A) It is specifically designed as a tow truck
31 having a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000
32 pounds and equipped with air brakes, provided that air
33 brakes are required only if the towing vehicle is
34 towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer
35 combination that is equipped with air brakes.

36 (B) It is equipped with flashing, rotating, or

1 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet
2 in all directions.

3 (C) It is capable of utilizing the lighting and
4 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
5 of vehicles.

6 (D) It does not engage in a tow exceeding 50 miles
7 from the initial point of wreck or disablement.

8 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe
9 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a tow
10 truck towing another vehicle. The towing vehicle, however, may
11 tow any disabled vehicle from the initial point of wreck or
12 disablement to a point where repairs are actually to occur.
13 This movement shall be valid only on State routes. The tower
14 must abide by posted bridge weight limits.

15 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight
16 rating, or GVWR, shall mean the value specified by the
17 manufacturer as the loaded weight of the tow truck. Legal
18 holidays referred to in this Section shall be specified as the
19 day on which the following traditional holidays are celebrated:

20 New Year's Day;
21 Memorial Day;
22 Independence Day;
23 Labor Day;
24 Thanksgiving Day; and
25 Christmas Day.

26 (h) The load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the load
27 upon the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles, shall not
28 extend more than 3 feet beyond the front wheels of the vehicle
29 or the front bumper of the vehicle if it is equipped with a
30 front bumper. The provisions of this subsection (h) shall not
31 apply to any vehicle or combination of vehicles specifically
32 designed for the collection and transportation of waste,
33 garbage, or recyclable materials during the vehicle's
34 operation in the course of collecting garbage, waste, or
35 recyclable materials if the vehicle is traveling at a speed not
36 in excess of 15 miles per hour during the vehicle's operation

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

5 (i) The load upon the front vehicle of a combination of
6 vehicles specifically designed to transport motor vehicles
7 shall not extend more than 3 feet beyond the foremost part of
8 the transporting vehicle and the load upon the rear
9 transporting vehicle shall not extend more than 4 feet beyond
10 the rear of the bed or body of the vehicle. This paragraph
11 shall only be applicable upon highways designated in paragraphs
12 (d) and (e) of this Section.

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

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

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

24 (j-1) (Blank).

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

28 (l) (Blank).

29 (Source: P.A. 92-417, eff. 1-1-02; 92-766, eff. 1-1-03; 92-883,
30 eff. 1-13-03; 93-177, eff. 7-11-03.)

31 (625 ILCS 5/15-111) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-111)

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

33 (a) On non-designated highways, no vehicle or combination
34 of vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires may be operated,
35 unladen or with load, when the total weight transmitted to the

1 road surface exceeds 18,000 pounds on a single axle or 32,000
2 pounds on a tandem axle with no axle within the tandem
3 exceeding 18,000 pounds except:

4 (1) when a different limit is established and posted in
5 accordance with Section 15-316 of this Code;

6 (2) vehicles for which the Department of
7 Transportation and local authorities issue overweight
8 permits under authority of Section 15-301 of this Code;

9 (3) tow trucks subject to the conditions provided in
10 subsection (d) may not exceed 24,000 pounds on a single
11 rear axle or 44,000 pounds on a tandem rear axle;

12 (4) any single axle of a 2-axle truck weighing 36,000
13 pounds or less and not a part of a combination of vehicles,
14 shall not exceed 20,000 pounds;

15 (5) any single axle of a 2-axle truck equipped with a
16 personnel lift or digger derrick, weighing 36,000 pounds or
17 less, owned and operated by a public utility, shall not
18 exceed 20,000 pounds;

19 (6) any single axle of a 2-axle truck specially
20 equipped with a front loading compactor used exclusively
21 for garbage, refuse, or recycling may not exceed 20,000
22 pounds per axle, provided that the gross weight of the
23 vehicle does not exceed 40,000 pounds;

24 (7) a truck, not in combination and specially equipped
25 with a selfcompactor or an industrial roll-off hoist and
26 roll-off container, used exclusively for garbage or refuse
27 operations may, when laden, transmit upon the road surface
28 the following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on a single
29 axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle;

30 (8) a truck, not in combination and used exclusively
31 for the collection of rendering materials, may, when laden,
32 transmit upon the road surface the following maximum
33 weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a
34 tandem axle;

35 (9) tandem axles on a 3-axle truck registered as a
36 Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in the

1 model year of 2014 and first registered in Illinois prior
2 to January 1, 2015, with a distance greater than 72 inches
3 but not more than 96 inches between any series of 2 axles,
4 is allowed a combined weight on the series not to exceed
5 36,000 pounds and neither axle of the series may exceed
6 18,000 pounds. Any vehicle of this type manufactured after
7 the model year of 2014 or first registered in Illinois
8 after December 31, 2014 may not exceed a combined weight of
9 32,000 pounds through the series of 2 axles and neither
10 axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds;

11 (10) tandem axles on a 4-axle truck mixer, whose fourth
12 axle is a road surface engaging mixer trailing axle,
13 registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle, used exclusively
14 for the mixing and transportation of concrete and
15 manufactured prior to or in the model year of 2014 and
16 first registered in Illinois prior to January 1, 2015, with
17 a distance greater than 72 inches but not more than 96
18 inches between any series of 2 axles, is allowed a combined
19 weight on the series not to exceed 36,000 pounds and
20 neither axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds. Any
21 vehicle of this type manufactured after the model year of
22 2014 or first registered in Illinois after December 31,
23 2014 may not exceed a combined weight of 32,000 pounds
24 through the series of 2 axles and neither axle of the
25 series may exceed 18,000 pounds;

26 (11) 4-axle vehicles or a 5 or more axle combination of
27 vehicles: The weight transmitted upon the road surface
28 through any series of 3 axles whose centers are more than
29 96 inches apart, measured between extreme axles in the
30 series, may not exceed those allowed in the table contained
31 in subsection (f) of this Section. No axle or tandem axle
32 of the series may exceed the maximum weight permitted under
33 this Section for a single or tandem axle.

34 No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with other
35 than pneumatic tires may be operated, unladen or with load,
36 upon the highways of this State when the gross weight on the

1 road surface through any wheel exceeds 800 pounds per inch
2 width of tire tread or when the gross weight on the road
3 surface through any axle exceeds 16,000 pounds.

4 (b) On non-designated highways, the gross weight of
5 vehicles and combination of vehicles including the weight of
6 the vehicle or combination and its maximum load shall be
7 subject to the foregoing limitations and further shall not
8 exceed the following gross weights dependent upon the number of
9 axles and distance between extreme axles of the vehicle or
10 combination measured longitudinally to the nearest foot.

11 VEHICLES HAVING 2 AXLES 36,000 pounds

12 VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS

13 HAVING 3 AXLES

14	With Tandem		With or	
15	Axles		Without	
16			Tandem Axles	
17	Minimum		Minimum	
18	distance to	Maximum	distance to	Maximum
19	nearest foot	Gross	nearest foot	Gross
20	between	Weight	between	Weight
21	extreme axles	(pounds)	extreme axles	(pounds)
22	10 feet	41,000	16 feet	46,000
23	11	42,000	17	47,000
24	12	43,000	18	47,500
25	13	44,000	19	48,000
26	14	44,500	20	49,000
27	15	45,000	21 feet or more	50,000

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29 VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS HAVING 4 AXLES

30	Minimum		Minimum	
31	distance to	Maximum	distance to	Maximum
32	nearest foot	Gross	nearest foot	Gross
33	between	Weight	between	Weight
34	extreme axles	(pounds)	extreme axles	(pounds)

1	15 feet	50,000	26 feet	57,500
2	16	50,500	27	58,000
3	17	51,500	28	58,500
4	18	52,000	29	59,500
5	19	52,500	30	60,000
6	20	53,500	31	60,500
7	21	54,000	32	61,500
8	22	54,500	33	62,000
9	23	55,500	34	62,500
10	24	56,000	35	63,500
11	25	56,500	36 feet or more	64,000

12 A vehicle not in a combination having more than 4 axles may
13 not exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (b) for 4
14 axles measured between the extreme axles of the vehicle.

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16 COMBINATIONS HAVING 5 OR MORE AXLES

17 Minimum distance to Maximum
18 nearest foot betweenGross Weight
19 extreme axles (pounds)

20	42 feet or less	72,000
21	43	73,000
22	44 feet or more	73,280

23 VEHICLES OPERATING ON CRAWLER TYPE TRACKS 40,000 pounds

24 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH SELFCOMPACTORS
25 OR ROLL-OFF HOISTS AND ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS FOR GARBAGE
26 OR REFUSE HAULS ONLY AND TRUCKS USED FOR
27 THE COLLECTION OF RENDERING MATERIALS
28 On Highway Not Part of National System
29 of Interstate and Defense Highways

30	with 2 axles	36,000 pounds
31	with 3 axles	54,000 pounds

32 TWO AXLE TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH
33 A FRONT LOADING COMPACTOR USED EXCLUSIVELY

1 FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, REFUSE, OR RECYCLING

2 with 2 axles

40,000 pounds

3 (c) Cities having a population of more than 50,000 may
4 permit by ordinance axle loads on 2 axle motor vehicles 33 1/2%
5 above those provided for herein, but the increase shall not
6 become effective until the city has officially notified the
7 Department of the passage of the ordinance and shall not apply
8 to those vehicles when outside of the limits of the city, nor
9 shall the gross weight of any 2 axle motor vehicle operating
10 over any street of the city exceed 40,000 pounds.

11 (d) Weight limitations shall not apply to vehicles
12 (including loads) operated by a public utility when
13 transporting equipment required for emergency repair of public
14 utility facilities or properties or water wells.

15 A combination of vehicles, including a tow truck and a
16 disabled vehicle or disabled combination of vehicles, that
17 exceeds the weight restriction imposed by this Code, may be
18 operated on a public highway in this State provided that
19 neither the disabled vehicle nor any vehicle being towed nor
20 the tow truck itself shall exceed the weight limitations
21 permitted under this Chapter. During the towing operation,
22 neither the tow truck nor the vehicle combination shall exceed
23 24,000 pounds on a single rear axle and 44,000 pounds on a
24 tandem rear axle, provided the towing vehicle:

25 (1) is specifically designed as a tow truck having a
26 gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000 pounds and
27 is equipped with air brakes, provided that air brakes are
28 required only if the towing vehicle is towing a vehicle,
29 semitrailer, or tractor-trailer combination that is
30 equipped with air brakes;

31 (2) is equipped with flashing, rotating, or
32 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet in
33 all directions;

34 (3) is capable of utilizing the lighting and braking
35 systems of the disabled vehicle or combination of vehicles;

1 and

2 (4) does not engage in a tow exceeding 20 miles from
3 the initial point of wreck or disablement. Any additional
4 movement of the vehicles may occur only upon issuance of
5 authorization for that movement under the provisions of
6 Sections 15-301 through 15-319 of this Code. The towing
7 vehicle, however, may tow any disabled vehicle from the
8 initial point of wreck or disablement to a point where
9 repairs are actually to occur. This movement shall be valid
10 only on State routes. The tower must abide by posted bridge
11 weight limits.

12 Gross weight limits shall not apply to the combination of
13 the tow truck and vehicles being towed. The tow truck license
14 plate must cover the operating empty weight of the tow truck
15 only. The weight of each vehicle being towed shall be covered
16 by a valid license plate issued to the owner or operator of the
17 vehicle being towed and displayed on that vehicle. If no valid
18 plate issued to the owner or operator of that vehicle is
19 displayed on that vehicle, or the plate displayed on that
20 vehicle does not cover the weight of the vehicle, the weight of
21 the vehicle shall be covered by the third tow truck plate
22 issued to the owner or operator of the tow truck and
23 temporarily affixed to the vehicle being towed.

24 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe
25 additional requirements. However, nothing in this Code shall
26 prohibit a tow truck under instructions of a police officer
27 from legally clearing a disabled vehicle, that may be in
28 violation of weight limitations of this Chapter, from the
29 roadway to the berm or shoulder of the highway. If in the
30 opinion of the police officer that location is unsafe, the
31 officer is authorized to have the disabled vehicle towed to the
32 nearest place of safety.

33 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight
34 rating, or GVWR, shall mean the value specified by the
35 manufacturer as the loaded weight of the tow truck.

36 (e) No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with

1 pneumatic tires shall be operated, unladen or with load, upon
2 the highways of this State in violation of the provisions of
3 any permit issued under the provisions of Sections 15-301
4 through 15-319 of this Chapter.

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

21 The above formula when expressed in tabular form results in
22 allowable loads as follows:

23	Distance measured					
24	to the nearest					
25	foot between the					
26	extremes of any		Maximum weight in pounds			
27	group of 2 or		of any group of			
28	more consecutive		2 or more consecutive axles			
29	axles					
30	feet	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles
31	4	34,000				
32	5	34,000				
33	6	34,000				
34	7	34,000				
35	8	38,000*	42,000			

1	9	39,000	42,500			
2	10	40,000	43,500			
3	11		44,000			
4	12		45,000	50,000		
5	13		45,500	50,500		
6	14		46,500	51,500		
7	15		47,000	52,000		
8	16		48,000	52,500	58,000	
9	17		48,500	53,500	58,500	
10	18		49,500	54,000	59,000	
11	19		50,000	54,500	60,000	
12	20		51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000
13	21		51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500
14	22		52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000
15	23		53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000
16	24		54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500
17	25		54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000
18	26		55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500
19	27		56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000
20	28		57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000
21	29		57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500
22	30		58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000
23	31		59,000	62,500	67,500	72,500
24	32		60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000
25	33			64,000	68,500	74,000
26	34			64,500	69,000	74,500
27	35			65,500	70,000	75,000
28	36			66,000	70,500	75,500
29	37			66,500	71,000	76,000
30	38			67,500	72,000	77,000
31	39			68,000	72,500	77,500
32	40			68,500	73,000	78,000
33	41			69,500	73,500	78,500
34	42			70,000	74,000	79,000
35	43			70,500	75,000	80,000
36	44			71,500	75,500	

1	45	72,000	76,000
2	46	72,500	76,500
3	47	73,500	77,500
4	48	74,000	78,000
5	49	74,500	78,500
6	50	75,500	79,000
7	51	76,000	80,000
8	52	76,500	
9	53	77,500	
10	54	78,000	
11	55	78,500	
12	56	79,500	
13	57	80,000	

14 *If the distance between 2 axles is 96 inches or less, the 2
 15 axles are tandem axles and the maximum total weight may not
 16 exceed 34,000 pounds, notwithstanding the higher limit
 17 resulting from the application of the formula.

18 Vehicles not in a combination having more than 4 axles may
 19 not exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (f) for 4
 20 axles measured between the extreme axles of the vehicle.

21 Vehicles in a combination having more than 6 axles may not
 22 exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (f) for 6
 23 axles measured between the extreme axles of the combination.

24 Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways
 25 under their jurisdiction, without additional fees, may also by
 26 ordinance or resolution allow the weight limitations of this
 27 subsection, provided the maximum gross weight on any one axle
 28 shall not exceed 20,000 pounds and the maximum total weight on
 29 any tandem axle shall not exceed 34,000 pounds, on designated
 30 highways when appropriate regulatory signs giving notice are
 31 erected upon the street or highway or portion of any street or
 32 highway affected by the ordinance or resolution.

33 The following are exceptions to the above formula:

- 34 (1) Two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a
- 35 total weight of 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance
- 36 between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of

1 tandem axles is 36 feet or more.

2 (2) Vehicles for which a different limit is established
3 and posted in accordance with Section 15-316 of this Code.

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

8 (4) Tow trucks subject to the conditions provided in
9 subsection (d) may not exceed 24,000 pounds on a single
10 rear axle or 44,000 pounds on a tandem rear axle.

11 (5) A tandem axle on a 3-axle truck registered as a
12 Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in the
13 model year of 2014, and registered in Illinois prior to
14 January 1, 2015, with a distance between 2 axles in a
15 series greater than 72 inches but not more than 96 inches
16 may not exceed a total weight of 36,000 pounds and neither
17 axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds.

18 (6) A truck not in combination, equipped with a self
19 compactor or an industrial roll-off hoist and roll-off
20 container, used exclusively for garbage or refuse
21 operations, may, when laden, transmit upon the road
22 surface, except when on part of the National System of
23 Interstate and Defense Highways, the following maximum
24 weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a
25 tandem axle; 36,000 pounds gross weight on a 2-axle
26 vehicle; 54,000 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle.
27 This vehicle is not subject to the bridge formula.

28 (7) Combinations of vehicles, registered as Special
29 Hauling Vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured
30 prior to or in the model year of 2014, and registered in
31 Illinois prior to January 1, 2015, having 5 axles with a
32 distance of 42 feet or less between extreme axles, may not
33 exceed the following maximum weights: 18,000 pounds on a
34 single axle; 32,000 pounds on a tandem axle; and 72,000
35 pounds gross weight. This combination of vehicles is not
36 subject to the bridge formula. For all those combinations

1 of vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured after
2 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd
3 General Assembly, the overall distance between the first
4 and last axles of the 2 sets of tandems must be 18 feet 6
5 inches or more. Any combination of vehicles that has had
6 its cargo container replaced in its entirety after December
7 31, 2014 may not exceed the weights allowed by the bridge
8 formula.

9 No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with other
10 than pneumatic tires may be operated, unladen or with load,
11 upon the highways of this State when the gross weight on the
12 road surface through any wheel exceeds 800 pounds per inch
13 width of tire tread or when the gross weight on the road
14 surface through any axle exceeds 16,000 pounds.

15 (f-1) A vehicle and load not exceeding 73,280 pounds is
16 allowed access as follows:

17 (1) From any State designated highway onto any county,
18 township, or municipal highway for a distance of 5 highway
19 miles for the purpose of loading and unloading, provided:

20 (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 8 feet 6
21 inches in width and 65 feet overall length.

22 (B) There is no sign prohibiting that access.

23 (C) The route is not being used as a thoroughfare
24 between State designated highways.

25 (2) From any State designated highway onto any county
26 or township highway for a distance of 5 highway miles, or
27 any municipal highway for a distance of one highway mile
28 for the purpose of food, fuel, repairs, and rest, provided:

29 (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 8 feet 6
30 inches in width and 65 feet overall length.

31 (B) There is no sign prohibiting that access.

32 (C) The route is not being used as a thoroughfare
33 between State designated highways.

34 (f-2) A vehicle and load greater than 73,280 pounds in
35 weight but not exceeding 80,000 pounds is allowed access as
36 follows:

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

5 (2) From a Class I, II, or III highway onto any State
6 highway or any local designated highway for a distance of 5
7 highway miles for the purpose of loading, unloading, food,
8 fuel, repairs, and rest.

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 subsection.

12 (g) No person shall operate a vehicle or combination of
13 vehicles over a bridge or other elevated structure constituting
14 part of a highway with a gross weight that is greater than the
15 maximum weight permitted by the Department, when the structure
16 is sign posted as provided in this Section.

17 (h) The Department upon request from any local authority
18 shall, or upon its own initiative may, conduct an investigation
19 of any bridge or other elevated structure constituting a part
20 of a highway, and if it finds that the structure cannot with
21 safety to itself withstand the weight of vehicles otherwise
22 permissible under this Code the Department shall determine and
23 declare the maximum weight of vehicles that the structures can
24 withstand, and shall cause or permit suitable signs stating
25 maximum weight to be erected and maintained before each end of
26 the structure. No person shall operate a vehicle or combination
27 of vehicles over any structure with a gross weight that is
28 greater than the posted maximum weight.

29 (i) Upon the trial of any person charged with a violation
30 of subsections (g) or (h) of this Section, proof of the
31 determination of the maximum allowable weight by the Department
32 and the existence of the signs, constitutes conclusive evidence
33 of the maximum weight that can be maintained with safety to the
34 bridge or structure.

35 (Source: P.A. 92-417, eff. 1-1-02; 93-177, eff. 7-11-03;
36 93-186, eff. 1-1-04; revised 8-12-03.)

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

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

3 (a) The Department with respect to highways under its
4 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways
5 under their jurisdiction may, in their discretion, upon
6 application and good cause being shown therefor, issue a
7 special permit authorizing the applicant to operate or move a
8 vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of
9 vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this Act or
10 otherwise not in conformity with this Act upon any highway
11 under the jurisdiction of the party granting such permit and
12 for the maintenance of which the party is responsible.
13 Applications and permits other than those in written or printed
14 form may only be accepted from and issued to the company or
15 individual making the movement. Except for an application to
16 move directly across a highway, it shall be the duty of the
17 applicant to establish in the application that the load to be
18 moved by such vehicle or combination is composed of a single
19 nondivisible object that cannot reasonably be dismantled or
20 disassembled. For the purpose of over length movements, more
21 than one object may be carried side by side as long as the
22 height, width, and weight laws are not exceeded and the cause
23 for the over length is not due to multiple objects. For the
24 purpose of over height movements, more than one object may be
25 carried as long as the cause for the over height is not due to
26 multiple objects and the length, width, and weight laws are not
27 exceeded. For the purpose of an over width movement, more than
28 one object may be carried as long as the cause for the over
29 width is not due to multiple objects and length, height, and
30 weight laws are not exceeded. No state or local agency shall
31 authorize the issuance of excess size or weight permits for
32 vehicles and loads that are divisible and that can be carried,
33 when divided, within the existing size or weight maximums
34 specified in this Chapter. Any excess size or weight permit
35 issued in violation of the provisions of this Section shall be

1 void at issue and any movement made thereunder shall not be
2 authorized under the terms of the void permit. In any
3 prosecution for a violation of this Chapter when the
4 authorization of an excess size or weight permit is at issue,
5 it is the burden of the defendant to establish that the permit
6 was valid because the load to be moved could not reasonably be
7 dismantled or disassembled, or was otherwise nondivisible.

8 (b) The application for any such permit shall: (1) state
9 whether such permit is requested for a single trip or for
10 limited continuous operation; (2) state if the applicant is an
11 authorized carrier under the Illinois Motor Carrier of Property
12 Law, if so, his certificate, registration or permit number
13 issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission; (3) specifically
14 describe and identify the vehicle or vehicles and load to be
15 operated or moved except that for vehicles or vehicle
16 combinations registered by the Department as provided in
17 Section 15-319 of this Chapter, only the Illinois Department of
18 Transportation's (IDT) registration number or classification
19 need be given; (4) state the routing requested including the
20 points of origin and destination, and may identify and include
21 a request for routing to the nearest certified scale in
22 accordance with the Department's rules and regulations,
23 provided the applicant has approval to travel on local roads;
24 and (5) state if the vehicles or loads are being transported
25 for hire. No permits for the movement of a vehicle or load for
26 hire shall be issued to any applicant who is required under the
27 Illinois Motor Carrier of Property Law to have a certificate,
28 registration or permit and does not have such certificate,
29 registration or permit.

30 (c) The Department or local authority when not inconsistent
31 with traffic safety is authorized to issue or withhold such
32 permit at its discretion; or, if such permit is issued at its
33 discretion to prescribe the route or routes to be traveled, to
34 limit the number of trips, to establish seasonal or other time
35 limitations within which the vehicles described may be operated
36 on the highways indicated, or otherwise to limit or prescribe

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

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

22 (e) As an exception to paragraph (a) of this Section, the
23 Department and local authorities, with respect to highways
24 under their respective jurisdictions, in their discretion and
25 upon application in writing may issue a special permit for
26 limited continuous operation, authorizing the applicant to
27 move loads of sweet corn, soybeans, corn, wheat, milo, other
28 small grains and ensilage during the harvest season only on a 2
29 axle single vehicle registered by the Secretary of State with
30 axle loads not to exceed 35% above those provided in Section
31 15-111. Permits may be issued for a period not to exceed 40
32 days and moves may be made of a distance not to exceed 25 miles
33 from a field to a specified processing plant over any highway
34 except the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.
35 All such vehicles shall be operated in the daytime except when
36 weather or crop conditions require emergency operation at

1 night, but with respect to such night operation, every such
2 vehicle with load shall be equipped with flashing amber lights
3 as specified under Section 12-215. Upon a declaration by the
4 Governor that an emergency harvest situation exists, a special
5 permit issued by the Department under this Section shall not be
6 required from September 1 through December 31 during harvest
7 season emergencies, provided that the weight does not exceed
8 20% above the limits provided in Section 15-111. All other
9 restrictions that apply to permits issued under this Section
10 shall apply during the declared time period. With respect to
11 highways under the jurisdiction of local authorities, the local
12 authorities may, at their discretion, waive special permit
13 requirements during harvest season emergencies. This permit
14 exemption shall apply to all vehicles eligible to obtain
15 permits under this Section, including commercial vehicles in
16 use during the declared time period.

17 (f) The form and content of the permit shall be determined
18 by the Department with respect to highways under its
19 jurisdiction and by local authorities with respect to highways
20 under their jurisdiction. Every permit shall be in written form
21 and carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which
22 it refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer
23 or authorized agent of any authority granting the permit and no
24 person shall violate any of the terms or conditions of such
25 special permit. Violation of the terms and conditions of the
26 permit shall not be deemed a revocation of the permit; however,
27 any vehicle and load found to be off the route prescribed in
28 the permit shall be held to be operating without a permit. Any
29 off route vehicle and load shall be required to obtain a new
30 permit or permits, as necessary, to authorize the movement back
31 onto the original permit routing. No rule or regulation, nor
32 anything herein shall be construed to authorize any police
33 officer, court, or authorized agent of any authority granting
34 the permit to remove the permit from the possession of the
35 permittee unless the permittee is charged with a fraudulent
36 permit violation as provided in paragraph (i). However, upon

1 arrest for an offense of violation of permit, operating without
2 a permit when the vehicle is off route, or any size or weight
3 offense under this Chapter when the permittee plans to raise
4 the issuance of the permit as a defense, the permittee, or his
5 agent, must produce the permit at any court hearing concerning
6 the alleged offense.

7 If the permit designates and includes a routing to a
8 certified scale, the permittee, while enroute to the designated
9 scale, shall be deemed in compliance with the weight provisions
10 of the permit provided the axle or gross weights do not exceed
11 any of the permitted limits by more than 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 to
16 make available to interested persons a policy concerning
17 reasonable rules, limitations and conditions or provisions of
18 operation upon highways under its jurisdiction in addition to
19 those contained in this Section for the movement by special
20 permit of vehicles, combinations, or loads which cannot
21 reasonably be dismantled or disassembled, including
22 manufactured and modular home sections and portions thereof.
23 All rules, limitations and conditions or provisions adopted in
24 the policy shall have due regard for the safety of the
25 traveling public and the protection of the highway system and
26 shall have been promulgated in conformity with the provisions
27 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The requirements
28 of the policy for flagmen and escort vehicles shall be the same
29 for all moves of comparable size and weight. When escort
30 vehicles are required, they shall meet the following
31 requirements:

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

34 (2) Vehicles escorting oversized loads more than
35 12-feet wide must be equipped with a rotating or flashing
36 amber light mounted on top as specified under Section

1 12-215.

2 The Department shall establish reasonable rules and
3 regulations regarding liability insurance or self insurance
4 for vehicles with oversized loads promulgated under The
5 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Police vehicles may be
6 required for escort under circumstances as required by rules
7 and regulations of the Department.

8 (h) Violation of any rule, limitation or condition or
9 provision of any permit issued in accordance with the
10 provisions of this Section shall not render the entire permit
11 null and void but the violator shall be deemed guilty of
12 violation of permit and guilty of exceeding any size, weight or
13 load limitations in excess of those authorized by the permit.
14 The prescribed route or routes on the permit are not mere
15 rules, limitations, conditions, or provisions of the permit,
16 but are also the sole extent of the authorization granted by
17 the permit. If a vehicle and load are found to be off the route
18 or routes prescribed by any permit authorizing movement, the
19 vehicle and load are operating without a permit. Any off route
20 movement shall be subject to the size and weight maximums,
21 under the applicable provisions of this Chapter, as determined
22 by the type or class highway upon which the vehicle and load
23 are being operated.

24 (i) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made under
25 a fraudulent permit the permit shall be void, and the person,
26 firm, or corporation to whom such permit was granted, the
27 driver of such vehicle in addition to the person who issued
28 such permit and any accessory, shall be guilty of fraud and
29 either one or all persons may be prosecuted for such violation.
30 Any person, firm, or corporation committing such violation
31 shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony and the Department shall
32 not issue permits to the person, firm or corporation convicted
33 of such violation for a period of one year after the date of
34 conviction. Penalties for violations of this Section shall be
35 in addition to any penalties imposed for violation of other
36 Sections of this Act.

1 (j) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made in
2 violation of a permit issued in accordance with this Section,
3 the person to whom such permit was granted, or the driver of
4 such vehicle, is guilty of such violation and either, but not
5 both, persons may be prosecuted for such violation as stated in
6 this subsection (j). Any person, firm or corporation convicted
7 of such violation shall be guilty of a petty offense and shall
8 be fined for the first offense, not less than \$50 nor more than
9 \$200 and, for the second offense by the same person, firm or
10 corporation within a period of one year, not less than \$200 nor
11 more than \$300 and, for the third offense by the same person,
12 firm or corporation within a period of one year after the date
13 of the first offense, not less than \$300 nor more than \$500 and
14 the Department shall not issue permits to the person, firm or
15 corporation convicted of a third offense during a period of one
16 year after the date of conviction for such third offense.

17 (k) Whenever any vehicle is operated on local roads under
18 permits for excess width or length issued by local authorities,
19 such vehicle may be moved upon a State highway for a distance
20 not to exceed one-half mile without a permit for the purpose of
21 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 the
26 movement of a vehicle in violation of any size or weight
27 requirement, or both, that would not ordinarily be eligible for
28 a permit, when there is a showing of extreme necessity that the
29 vehicle and load should be moved without unnecessary delay.

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

34 (m) Penalties for violations of this Section shall be in
35 addition to any penalties imposed for violating any other
36 Section of this Code.

1 (n) The Department with respect to highways under its
2 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways
3 under their jurisdiction, in their discretion and upon
4 application in writing, may issue a special permit for
5 continuous limited operation, authorizing the applicant to
6 operate a tow-truck that exceeds the weight limits provided for
7 in subsection (d) of Section 15-111, provided:

8 (1) no rear single axle of the tow-truck exceeds 26,000
9 pounds;

10 (2) no rear tandem axle of the tow-truck exceeds 50,000
11 pounds;

12 (2.1) no triple rear axle on a manufactured recovery
13 unit exceeds 56,000 pounds;

14 (3) neither the disabled vehicle nor the disabled
15 combination of vehicles exceed the weight restrictions
16 imposed by this Chapter 15, or the weight limits imposed
17 under a permit issued by the Department prior to hookup;

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

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

22 (6) the tow-truck is equipped with flashing, rotating,
23 or oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet
24 in all directions;

25 (7) the tow-truck is specifically designed and
26 licensed as a tow-truck;

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

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

30 (10) the tow-truck is capable of utilizing the lighting
31 and braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
32 of vehicles;

33 (11) the tow commences at the initial point of wreck or
34 disablement and terminates at a point where the repairs are
35 actually to occur ~~the tow distance of the tow does not~~
36 ~~exceed 50 miles from the point of disablement to a place of~~

1 ~~repair or safekeeping;~~

2 (12) the permit issued to the tow-truck is carried in
3 the tow-truck and exhibited on demand by a police officer;
4 and

5 (13) the movement shall be valid only on state routes
6 approved by the Department.

7 (Source: P.A. 90-89, eff. 1-1-98; 90-228, eff. 7-25-97; 90-655,
8 eff. 7-30-98; 90-676, eff. 7-31-98; 91-569, eff. 1-1-00.)

9 (625 ILCS 5/15-308.2)

10 Sec. 15-308.2. Fees for special permits for tow-trucks. The
11 fee for a special permit to operate a tow-truck pursuant to
12 subsection (n) of Section 15-301 is \$50 ~~\$500~~ quarterly and \$200
13 ~~\$2,000~~ annually.

14 (Source: P.A. 91-569, eff. 1-1-00.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.