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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 720

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 720 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

1 vehicles or boats may not exceed 60 feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (2) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one converter  
30 dolly.

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

34 (4) A truck in transit may draw 3 trucks in transit

1 coupled together by the triple saddlemount method.

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

4 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 60  
5 feet.

6 (B) The towing vehicle is a properly registered  
7 vehicle capable of towing another vehicle using a  
8 fifth-wheel type assembly.

9 (C) The second vehicle in the combination of  
10 vehicles is a recreational vehicle that is towed by a  
11 fifth-wheel assembly. This vehicle must be properly  
12 registered and must be equipped with brakes,  
13 regardless of weight.

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

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

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

24 (6) A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle  
25 or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the towing  
26 vehicle:

27 (A) Is specifically designed as a tow truck having  
28 a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000 pounds  
29 and equipped with air brakes, provided that air brakes  
30 are required only if the towing vehicle is towing a  
31 vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer combination  
32 that is equipped with air brakes. For the purpose of  
33 this subsection, gross vehicle weight rating, or GVWR,  
34 means the value specified by the manufacturer as the

1 loaded weight of the tow truck.

2 (B) Is equipped with flashing, rotating, or  
3 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet  
4 in all directions.

5 (C) Is capable of utilizing the lighting and  
6 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination  
7 of vehicles.

8 (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway  
9 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement to  
10 a place of repair. Any additional movement of the  
11 vehicles may occur only upon issuance of authorization  
12 for that movement under the provisions of Sections  
13 15-301 through 15-319 of this Code.

14 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe  
15 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a tow  
16 truck towing another vehicle.

17 For purposes of this Section, a tow-dolly that merely  
18 serves as substitute wheels for another legally licensed  
19 vehicle is considered part of the licensed vehicle and not a  
20 separate vehicle.

21 (d) On Class I highways there are no overall length  
22 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations  
23 provided:

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

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

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

33 (4) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter 1,  
34 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 the  
5 transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of this  
6 Section.

7           (6) Stinger steered semitrailer vehicles as defined in  
8 Chapter 1, specifically designed to transport motor  
9 vehicles or boats, may not exceed 75 feet overall  
10 dimension. The length limitation is inclusive of front and  
11 rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of the  
12 transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of this  
13 Section.

14           (7) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled  
15 together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed 75  
16 feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination  
26 may not exceed 65 feet in dimension from front axle to rear  
27 axle.

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

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

33 (6) A combination of vehicles, specifically designed  
34 to transport motor vehicles or boats, may not exceed 65

1 feet overall dimension. The length limitation is inclusive  
2 of front and rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of  
3 the transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of  
4 this Section.

5 (7) Stinger steered semitrailer vehicles, as defined  
6 in Chapter 1, specifically designed to transport motor  
7 vehicles or boats, may not exceed 75 feet overall  
8 dimension. The length limitation is inclusive of front and  
9 rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of the  
10 transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of this  
11 Section.

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

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

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

33 A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle or  
34 combination of disabled vehicles, as provided in paragraph (6)

1 of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length  
2 limitations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 (e-2) Except as provided in subsection (e-3), combinations  
34 of vehicles over 65 feet in length, with no overall length



1 limitation except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of  
2 this Section, are allowed access as follows:

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

7 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any State  
8 highway or any locally designated highway for a distance of  
9 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading, unloading,  
10 food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

11 (e-3) Combinations of vehicles over 65 feet in length  
12 operated by household goods carriers, with no overall length  
13 limitations except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of  
14 this Section, have unlimited access to points of loading and  
15 unloading.

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

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

22 (1) Truck tractor-semitrailer combinations, must  
23 comply with either a maximum 55 feet overall wheel base or  
24 a maximum 65 feet extreme overall dimension.

25 (2) Semitrailers, unladen or with load, may not exceed  
26 53 feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

34 (1) Vehicles operated in the daytime, except on

1 Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays, when transporting  
2 poles, pipe, machinery, or other objects of a structural  
3 nature that cannot readily be dismembered, provided the  
4 overall length of vehicle and load may not exceed 100 feet  
5 and no object exceeding 80 feet in length may be  
6 transported unless a permit has been obtained as authorized  
7 in Section 15-301.

8 (2) Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility  
9 while en route to make emergency repairs to public service  
10 facilities or properties, but during night operation every  
11 vehicle and its load must be equipped with a sufficient  
12 number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps  
13 upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly  
14 mark the dimensions of the load.

15 (3) A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle  
16 or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the towing  
17 vehicle meets the following conditions:

18 (A) It is specifically designed as a tow truck  
19 having a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000  
20 pounds and equipped with air brakes, provided that air  
21 brakes are required only if the towing vehicle is  
22 towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer  
23 combination that is equipped with air brakes.

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

27 (C) It is capable of utilizing the lighting and  
28 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination  
29 of vehicles.

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

32 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe  
33 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a tow  
34 truck towing another vehicle. The towing vehicle, however, may

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

5 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight  
6 rating, or GVWR, shall mean the value specified by the  
7 manufacturer as the loaded weight of the tow truck. Legal  
8 holidays referred to in this Section shall be specified as the  
9 day on which the following traditional holidays are celebrated:

10 New Year's Day;

11 Memorial Day;

12 Independence Day;

13 Labor Day;

14 Thanksgiving Day; and

15 Christmas Day.

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 not  
26 in excess of 15 miles per hour during the vehicle's operation  
27 and in the course of collecting garbage, waste, or recyclable  
28 materials. However, in no instance shall the load extend more  
29 than 7 feet beyond the front wheels of the vehicle or the front  
30 bumper of the vehicle if it is equipped with a front bumper.

31 (i) The load upon the front vehicle of a combination of  
32 vehicles specifically designed to transport motor vehicles  
33 shall not extend more than 3 feet beyond the foremost part of  
34 the transporting vehicle and the load upon the rear

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

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

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

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

16 (j-1) (Blank).

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

20 (l) (Blank).

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

23 (625 ILCS 5/15-111) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-111)

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

25 (a) On non-designated highways, no vehicle or combination  
26 of vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires may be operated,  
27 unladen or with load, when the total weight transmitted to the  
28 road surface exceeds 18,000 pounds on a single axle or 32,000  
29 pounds on a tandem axle with no axle within the tandem  
30 exceeding 18,000 pounds except:

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

33 (2) vehicles for which the Department of

1           Transportation and local authorities issue overweight  
2           permits under authority of Section 15-301 of this Code;

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

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

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

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

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

24          (8) a truck, not in combination and used exclusively  
25          for the collection of rendering materials, may, when laden,  
26          transmit upon the road surface the following maximum  
27          weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a  
28          tandem axle;

29          (9) tandem axles on a 3-axle truck registered as a  
30          Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in the  
31          model year of 2014 and first registered in Illinois prior  
32          to January 1, 2015, with a distance greater than 72 inches  
33          but not more than 96 inches between any series of 2 axles,  
34          is allowed a combined weight on the series not to exceed

1 36,000 pounds and neither axle of the series may exceed  
2 18,000 pounds. Any vehicle of this type manufactured after  
3 the model year of 2014 or first registered in Illinois  
4 after December 31, 2014 may not exceed a combined weight of  
5 32,000 pounds through the series of 2 axles and neither  
6 axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds;

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

22 (11) 4-axle vehicles or a 5 or more axle combination of  
23 vehicles: The weight transmitted upon the road surface  
24 through any series of 3 axles whose centers are more than  
25 96 inches apart, measured between extreme axles in the  
26 series, may not exceed those allowed in the table contained  
27 in subsection (f) of this Section. No axle or tandem axle  
28 of the series may exceed the maximum weight permitted under  
29 this Section for a single or tandem axle.

30 No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with other  
31 than pneumatic tires may be operated, unladen or with load,  
32 upon the highways of this State when the gross weight on the  
33 road surface through any wheel exceeds 800 pounds per inch  
34 width of tire tread or when the gross weight on the road

1 surface through any axle exceeds 16,000 pounds.

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

9 VEHICLES HAVING 2 AXLES ..... 36,000 pounds

10 VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS

11 HAVING 3 AXLES

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

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27 VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS HAVING 4 AXLES

28	Minimum		Minimum	
29	distance to	Maximum	distance to	Maximum
30	nearest foot	Gross	nearest foot	Gross
31	between	Weight	between	Weight
32	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





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

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

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

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

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

1 officer is authorized to have the disabled vehicle towed to the  
2 nearest place of safety.

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

6 (e) No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with  
7 pneumatic tires shall be operated, unladen or with load, upon  
8 the highways of this State in violation of the provisions of  
9 any permit issued under the provisions of Sections 15-301  
10 through 15-319 of this Chapter.

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

27 The above formula when expressed in tabular form results in  
28 allowable loads as follows:

29	Distance measured	
30	to the nearest	
31	foot between the	
32	extremes of any	Maximum weight in pounds
33	group of 2 or	of any group of

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

1	35	65,500	70,000	75,000
2	36	66,000	70,500	75,500
3	37	66,500	71,000	76,000
4	38	67,500	72,000	77,000
5	39	68,000	72,500	77,500
6	40	68,500	73,000	78,000
7	41	69,500	73,500	78,500
8	42	70,000	74,000	79,000
9	43	70,500	75,000	80,000
10	44	71,500	75,500	
11	45	72,000	76,000	
12	46	72,500	76,500	
13	47	73,500	77,500	
14	48	74,000	78,000	
15	49	74,500	78,500	
16	50	75,500	79,000	
17	51	76,000	80,000	
18	52	76,500		
19	53	77,500		
20	54	78,000		
21	55	78,500		
22	56	79,500		
23	57	80,000		

24 \*If the distance between 2 axles is 96 inches or less, the 2  
 25 axles are tandem axles and the maximum total weight may not  
 26 exceed 34,000 pounds, notwithstanding the higher limit  
 27 resulting from the application of the formula.

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

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

34 Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways

1 under their jurisdiction, without additional fees, may also by  
2 ordinance or resolution allow the weight limitations of this  
3 subsection, provided the maximum gross weight on any one axle  
4 shall not exceed 20,000 pounds and the maximum total weight on  
5 any tandem axle shall not exceed 34,000 pounds, on designated  
6 highways when appropriate regulatory signs giving notice are  
7 erected upon the street or highway or portion of any street or  
8 highway affected by the ordinance or resolution.

9 The following are exceptions to the above formula:

10 (1) Two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a  
11 total weight of 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance  
12 between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of  
13 tandem axles is 36 feet or more.

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

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

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

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

30 (6) A truck not in combination, equipped with a self  
31 compactor or an industrial roll-off hoist and roll-off  
32 container, used exclusively for garbage or refuse  
33 operations, may, when laden, transmit upon the road  
34 surface, except when on part of the National System of

1 Interstate and Defense Highways, the following maximum  
2 weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a  
3 tandem axle; 36,000 pounds gross weight on a 2-axle  
4 vehicle; 54,000 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle.  
5 This vehicle is not subject to the bridge formula.

6 (7) Combinations of vehicles, registered as Special  
7 Hauling Vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured  
8 prior to or in the model year of 2014, and registered in  
9 Illinois prior to January 1, 2015, having 5 axles with a  
10 distance of 42 feet or less between extreme axles, may not  
11 exceed the following maximum weights: 18,000 pounds on a  
12 single axle; 32,000 pounds on a tandem axle; and 72,000  
13 pounds gross weight. This combination of vehicles is not  
14 subject to the bridge formula. For all those combinations  
15 of vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured after  
16 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd  
17 General Assembly, the overall distance between the first  
18 and last axles of the 2 sets of tandems must be 18 feet 6  
19 inches or more. Any combination of vehicles that has had  
20 its cargo container replaced in its entirety after December  
21 31, 2014 may not exceed the weights allowed by the bridge  
22 formula.

23 No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with other  
24 than pneumatic tires may be operated, unladen or with load,  
25 upon the highways of this State when the gross weight on the  
26 road surface through any wheel exceeds 800 pounds per inch  
27 width of tire tread or when the gross weight on the road  
28 surface through any axle exceeds 16,000 pounds.

29 (f-1) A vehicle and load not exceeding 73,280 pounds is  
30 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 and load does not exceed 8 feet 6

1 inches in width and 65 feet overall length.

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 (f-2) A vehicle and load greater than 73,280 pounds in  
15 weight but not exceeding 80,000 pounds is allowed access as  
16 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, II, or III highway onto any State  
22 highway or any local designated highway for a distance of 5  
23 highway miles for the purpose of loading, unloading, food,  
24 fuel, repairs, and rest.

25 Section 5-35 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act  
26 relating to procedures for rulemaking shall not apply to the  
27 designation of highways under this subsection.

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

33 (h) The Department upon request from any local authority  
34 shall, or upon its own initiative may, conduct an investigation



1 of any bridge or other elevated structure constituting a part  
2 of a highway, and if it finds that the structure cannot with  
3 safety to itself withstand the weight of vehicles otherwise  
4 permissible under this Code the Department shall determine and  
5 declare the maximum weight of vehicles that the structures can  
6 withstand, and shall cause or permit suitable signs stating  
7 maximum weight to be erected and maintained before each end of  
8 the structure. No person shall operate a vehicle or combination  
9 of vehicles over any structure with a gross weight that is  
10 greater than the posted maximum weight.

11 (i) Upon the trial of any person charged with a violation  
12 of subsections (g) or (h) of this Section, proof of the  
13 determination of the maximum allowable weight by the Department  
14 and the existence of the signs, constitutes conclusive evidence  
15 of the maximum weight that can be maintained with safety to the  
16 bridge or structure.

17 (Source: P.A. 92-417, eff. 1-1-02; 93-177, eff. 7-11-03;  
18 93-186, eff. 1-1-04; revised 8-12-03.)

19 (625 ILCS 5/15-301) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-301)

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

21 (a) The Department with respect to highways under its  
22 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways  
23 under their jurisdiction may, in their discretion, upon  
24 application and good cause being shown therefor, issue a  
25 special permit authorizing the applicant to operate or move a  
26 vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of  
27 vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this Act or  
28 otherwise not in conformity with this Act upon any highway  
29 under the jurisdiction of the party granting such permit and  
30 for the maintenance of which the party is responsible.  
31 Applications and permits other than those in written or printed  
32 form may only be accepted from and issued to the company or  
33 individual making the movement. Except for an application to

1 move directly across a highway, it shall be the duty of the  
2 applicant to establish in the application that the load to be  
3 moved by such vehicle or combination is composed of a single  
4 nondivisible object that cannot reasonably be dismantled or  
5 disassembled. For the purpose of over length movements, more  
6 than one object may be carried side by side as long as the  
7 height, width, and weight laws are not exceeded and the cause  
8 for the over length is not due to multiple objects. For the  
9 purpose of over height movements, more than one object may be  
10 carried as long as the cause for the over height is not due to  
11 multiple objects and the length, width, and weight laws are not  
12 exceeded. For the purpose of an over width movement, more than  
13 one object may be carried as long as the cause for the over  
14 width is not due to multiple objects and length, height, and  
15 weight laws are not exceeded. No state or local agency shall  
16 authorize the issuance of excess size or weight permits for  
17 vehicles and loads that are divisible and that can be carried,  
18 when divided, within the existing size or weight maximums  
19 specified in this Chapter. Any excess size or weight permit  
20 issued in violation of the provisions of this Section shall be  
21 void at issue and any movement made thereunder shall not be  
22 authorized under the terms of the void permit. In any  
23 prosecution for a violation of this Chapter when the  
24 authorization of an excess size or weight permit is at issue,  
25 it is the burden of the defendant to establish that the permit  
26 was valid because the load to be moved could not reasonably be  
27 dismantled or disassembled, or was otherwise nondivisible.

28 (b) The application for any such permit shall: (1) state  
29 whether such permit is requested for a single trip or for  
30 limited continuous operation; (2) state if the applicant is an  
31 authorized carrier under the Illinois Motor Carrier of Property  
32 Law, if so, his certificate, registration or permit number  
33 issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission; (3) specifically  
34 describe and identify the vehicle or vehicles and load to be

1 operated or moved except that for vehicles or vehicle  
2 combinations registered by the Department as provided in  
3 Section 15-319 of this Chapter, only the Illinois Department of  
4 Transportation's (IDT) registration number or classification  
5 need be given; (4) state the routing requested including the  
6 points of origin and destination, and may identify and include  
7 a request for routing to the nearest certified scale in  
8 accordance with the Department's rules and regulations,  
9 provided the applicant has approval to travel on local roads;  
10 and (5) state if the vehicles or loads are being transported  
11 for hire. No permits for the movement of a vehicle or load for  
12 hire shall be issued to any applicant who is required under the  
13 Illinois Motor Carrier of Property Law to have a certificate,  
14 registration or permit and does not have such certificate,  
15 registration or permit.

16 (c) The Department or local authority when not inconsistent  
17 with traffic safety is authorized to issue or withhold such  
18 permit at its discretion; or, if such permit is issued at its  
19 discretion to prescribe the route or routes to be traveled, to  
20 limit the number of trips, to establish seasonal or other time  
21 limitations within which the vehicles described may be operated  
22 on the highways indicated, or otherwise to limit or prescribe  
23 conditions of operations of such vehicle or vehicles, when  
24 necessary to assure against undue damage to the road  
25 foundations, surfaces or structures, and may require such  
26 undertaking or other security as may be deemed necessary to  
27 compensate for any injury to any roadway or road structure. The  
28 Department shall maintain a daily record of each permit issued  
29 along with the fee and the stipulated dimensions, weights,  
30 conditions and restrictions authorized and this record shall be  
31 presumed correct in any case of questions or dispute. The  
32 Department shall install an automatic device for recording  
33 applications received and permits issued by telephone. In  
34 making application by telephone, the Department and applicant

1 waive all objections to the recording of the conversation.

2 (d) The Department shall, upon application in writing from  
3 any local authority, issue an annual permit authorizing the  
4 local authority to move oversize highway construction,  
5 transportation, utility and maintenance equipment over roads  
6 under the jurisdiction of the Department. The permit shall be  
7 applicable only to equipment and vehicles owned by or  
8 registered in the name of the local authority, and no fee shall  
9 be charged for the issuance of such permits.

10 (e) As an exception to paragraph (a) of this Section, the  
11 Department and local authorities, with respect to highways  
12 under their respective jurisdictions, in their discretion and  
13 upon application in writing may issue a special permit for  
14 limited continuous operation, authorizing the applicant to  
15 move loads of sweet corn, soybeans, corn, wheat, milo, other  
16 small grains and ensilage during the harvest season only on a 2  
17 axle single vehicle registered by the Secretary of State with  
18 axle loads not to exceed 35% above those provided in Section  
19 15-111. Permits may be issued for a period not to exceed 40  
20 days and moves may be made of a distance not to exceed 25 miles  
21 from a field to a specified processing plant over any highway  
22 except the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.  
23 All such vehicles shall be operated in the daytime except when  
24 weather or crop conditions require emergency operation at  
25 night, but with respect to such night operation, every such  
26 vehicle with load shall be equipped with flashing amber lights  
27 as specified under Section 12-215. Upon a declaration by the  
28 Governor that an emergency harvest situation exists, a special  
29 permit issued by the Department under this Section shall not be  
30 required from September 1 through December 31 during harvest  
31 season emergencies, provided that the weight does not exceed  
32 20% above the limits provided in Section 15-111. All other  
33 restrictions that apply to permits issued under this Section  
34 shall apply during the declared time period. With respect to

1 highways under the jurisdiction of local authorities, the local  
2 authorities may, at their discretion, waive special permit  
3 requirements during harvest season emergencies. This permit  
4 exemption shall apply to all vehicles eligible to obtain  
5 permits under this Section, including commercial vehicles in  
6 use during the declared time period.

7 (f) The form and content of the permit shall be determined  
8 by the Department with respect to highways under its  
9 jurisdiction and by local authorities with respect to highways  
10 under their jurisdiction. Every permit shall be in written form  
11 and carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which  
12 it refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer  
13 or authorized agent of any authority granting the permit and no  
14 person shall violate any of the terms or conditions of such  
15 special permit. Violation of the terms and conditions of the  
16 permit shall not be deemed a revocation of the permit; however,  
17 any vehicle and load found to be off the route prescribed in  
18 the permit shall be held to be operating without a permit. Any  
19 off route vehicle and load shall be required to obtain a new  
20 permit or permits, as necessary, to authorize the movement back  
21 onto the original permit routing. No rule or regulation, nor  
22 anything herein shall be construed to authorize any police  
23 officer, court, or authorized agent of any authority granting  
24 the permit to remove the permit from the possession of the  
25 permittee unless the permittee is charged with a fraudulent  
26 permit violation as provided in paragraph (i). However, upon  
27 arrest for an offense of violation of permit, operating without  
28 a permit when the vehicle is off route, or any size or weight  
29 offense under this Chapter when the permittee plans to raise  
30 the issuance of the permit as a defense, the permittee, or his  
31 agent, must produce the permit at any court hearing concerning  
32 the alleged offense.

33 If the permit designates and includes a routing to a  
34 certified scale, the permittee, while enroute to the designated

1 scale, shall be deemed in compliance with the weight provisions  
2 of the permit provided the axle or gross weights do not exceed  
3 any of the permitted limits by more than the following amounts:

4	Single axle	2000 pounds
5	Tandem axle	3000 pounds
6	Gross	5000 pounds

7 (g) The Department is authorized to adopt, amend, and to  
8 make available to interested persons a policy concerning  
9 reasonable rules, limitations and conditions or provisions of  
10 operation upon highways under its jurisdiction in addition to  
11 those contained in this Section for the movement by special  
12 permit of vehicles, combinations, or loads which cannot  
13 reasonably be dismantled or disassembled, including  
14 manufactured and modular home sections and portions thereof.  
15 All rules, limitations and conditions or provisions adopted in  
16 the policy shall have due regard for the safety of the  
17 traveling public and the protection of the highway system and  
18 shall have been promulgated in conformity with the provisions  
19 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The requirements  
20 of the policy for flagmen and escort vehicles shall be the same  
21 for all moves of comparable size and weight. When escort  
22 vehicles are required, they shall meet the following  
23 requirements:

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

26 (2) Vehicles escorting oversized loads more than  
27 12-feet wide must be equipped with a rotating or flashing  
28 amber light mounted on top as specified under Section  
29 12-215.

30 The Department shall establish reasonable rules and  
31 regulations regarding liability insurance or self insurance  
32 for vehicles with oversized loads promulgated under The  
33 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Police vehicles may be  
34 required for escort under circumstances as required by rules

1 and regulations of the Department.

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

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

31 (j) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made in  
32 violation of a permit issued in accordance with this Section,  
33 the person to whom such permit was granted, or the driver of  
34 such vehicle, is guilty of such violation and either, but not

1 both, persons may be prosecuted for such violation as stated in  
2 this subsection (j). Any person, firm or corporation convicted  
3 of such violation shall be guilty of a petty offense and shall  
4 be fined for the first offense, not less than \$50 nor more than  
5 \$200 and, for the second offense by the same person, firm or  
6 corporation within a period of one year, not less than \$200 nor  
7 more than \$300 and, for the third offense by the same person,  
8 firm or corporation within a period of one year after the date  
9 of the first offense, not less than \$300 nor more than \$500 and  
10 the Department shall not issue permits to the person, firm or  
11 corporation convicted of a third offense during a period of one  
12 year after the date of conviction for such third offense.

13 (k) Whenever any vehicle is operated on local roads under  
14 permits for excess width or length issued by local authorities,  
15 such vehicle may be moved upon a State highway for a distance  
16 not to exceed one-half mile without a permit for the purpose of  
17 crossing the State highway.

18 (l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,  
19 the Department, with respect to highways under its  
20 jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to highways  
21 under their jurisdiction, may at their discretion authorize the  
22 movement of a vehicle in violation of any size or weight  
23 requirement, or both, that would not ordinarily be eligible for  
24 a permit, when there is a showing of extreme necessity that the  
25 vehicle and load should be moved without unnecessary delay.

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

30 (m) Penalties for violations of this Section shall be in  
31 addition to any penalties imposed for violating any other  
32 Section of this Code.

33 (n) The Department with respect to highways under its  
34 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways



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

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

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

10 (2.1) no triple rear axle on a manufactured recovery  
11 unit exceeds 56,000 pounds;

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

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

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

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

23 (7) the tow-truck is specifically designed and  
24 licensed as a tow-truck;

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

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

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

31 (11) the tow commences at the initial point of wreck or  
32 disablement and terminates at a point where the repairs are  
33 actually to occur ~~the tow distance of the tow does not~~  
34 ~~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."