

1 AN ACT in relation to transportation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Highway Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 9-117 as follows:

6 (605 ILCS 5/9-117) (from Ch. 121, par. 9-117)

7 Sec. 9-117. If any person injures or obstructs a public  
8 highway by felling a tree or trees in, upon or across the  
9 same, or by placing or leaving any other obstruction thereon,  
10 or encroaching upon the same with any fence, or by plowing or  
11 digging any ditch or other opening thereon, or by turning a  
12 current of water so as to saturate, wash or damage the same,  
13 or by plowing in or across or on the slopes of the side  
14 gutters or ditches, or by placing any material in such  
15 ditches, or in any way interfering with the free flow of  
16 water therein, or leaves the cuttings of any hedge thereon  
17 for more than 10 days, without the permission of the highway  
18 authority having jurisdiction over such highway, he shall be  
19 guilty of a petty offense and fined for every such offense  
20 not less than \$50 ~~\$10~~ nor more than \$500 ~~\$100~~; and in case of  
21 placing any obstruction on the highway, an additional sum of  
22 not exceeding \$50 ~~\$10~~ per day for every day he allows such  
23 obstruction to remain after he has been ordered to remove it  
24 by the highway authority having jurisdiction over such  
25 highway. Any person feeling himself aggrieved or any such  
26 highway authority may make a complaint under this Section.

27 The highway authority having jurisdiction over such  
28 highway, after having given 10 days' notice to the owners of  
29 the obstruction or person so obstructing, or plowing, or  
30 digging ditches upon such highway or interfering with the  
31 free flow of water in the side gutters or ditches, of the

1 obstruction, plowing or digging of ditches, interfering with  
2 drainage, or of the encroachment of any fence, may remove any  
3 such fence or other obstruction, fill up any ditch or  
4 excavation except ditches necessary to the drainage of an  
5 adjoining farm emptying into a ditch upon the highway, or  
6 regrade such side gutters or ditches, and recover the  
7 necessary cost of such removal or filling of any such ditch  
8 or excavation, or regrading of such side gutters or ditches  
9 from such owner or other person obstructing or damaging such  
10 highway aforesaid, to be collected by the highway authority  
11 having jurisdiction of the highway whereon such offense was  
12 committed. Any such cost recovered shall be deposited in the  
13 road fund of the political division having jurisdiction over  
14 the highway adjudged to have been obstructed or injured, and  
15 shall be used only for maintenance or construction of public  
16 highways under the jurisdiction of that division.

17 The 10 day notice requirement of this Section is not  
18 required for any obstruction to traffic flow including  
19 non-adherence to the provisions of a permit issued by the  
20 highway authority having jurisdiction under Section 4-209,  
21 5-413, or 9-113 of this Code.

22 However, this section shall not apply to any person who  
23 shall lawfully fell any tree for use and shall immediately  
24 remove the same out of the highway, nor to any person through  
25 or along whose land a public highway may pass, who shall  
26 desire to drain his land, and who shall give due notice to  
27 the proper highway authority of such intention, and who shall  
28 first secure from such highway authority written permission  
29 for any work, ditching or excavating he proposes to do within  
30 the limits of the highway.

31 (Source: P.A. 88-233.)

32 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
33 changing Sections 1-140, 11-302, 11-304, 15-102, 15-107,

1 15-111, and 15-316 as follows:

2 (625 ILCS 5/1-140) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-140)

3 Sec. 1-140. Local authorities.

4 Every county, municipal and other local board or body  
5 having authority to enact laws relating to traffic under the  
6 constitution and laws of this State and each road district  
7 highway commissioner having that authority.

8 (Source: P.A. 76-1586.)

9 (625 ILCS 5/11-302) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-302)

10 Sec. 11-302. Authority to designate through highway and  
11 stop and yield intersections.

12 (a) The Department with reference to State highways  
13 under its jurisdiction, and local authorities ~~and--road~~  
14 ~~district--highway--commissioners~~ with reference to other  
15 highways under their jurisdiction, may designate through  
16 highways and erect stop signs or yield signs at specified  
17 entrances thereto, or may designate any intersection as a  
18 stop intersection or as a yield intersection and erect stop  
19 signs or yield signs at one or more entrances to such  
20 intersection. Designation of through highways and stop or  
21 yield intersections and the erection of stop signs or yield  
22 signs on township or road district roads are subject to the  
23 written approval of the county engineer or superintendent of  
24 highways.

25 (b) Every stop sign and yield sign shall conform to the  
26 State Manual and Specifications and shall be located as near  
27 as practicable to the nearest line of the crosswalk on the  
28 near side of the intersection or, if there is no crosswalk,  
29 then as close as practicable to the nearest line of the  
30 intersecting roadway.

31 (c) The Department may in its discretion and when  
32 traffic conditions warrant such action give preference to

1 traffic upon any of the State highways under its jurisdiction  
2 over traffic crossing or entering such highway by erecting  
3 appropriate traffic control devices.

4 (Source: P.A. 87-217.)

5 (625 ILCS 5/11-304) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-304)

6 Sec. 11-304. Local traffic-control devices; tourist  
7 oriented businesses signs.

8 Local authorities and-road-district-highway-commissioners  
9 in their respective maintenance jurisdiction shall place and  
10 maintain such traffic-control devices upon highways under  
11 their maintenance jurisdiction as are required to indicate  
12 and carry out the provisions of this Chapter, and local  
13 traffic ordinances or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic.  
14 All such traffic control devices shall conform to the State  
15 Manual and Specifications and shall be justified by traffic  
16 warrants stated in the Manual. Placement of traffic-control  
17 devices on township or road district roads also shall be  
18 subject to the written approval of the county engineer or  
19 superintendent of highways.

20 Local authorities and-road-district-highway-commissioners  
21 in their respective maintenance jurisdictions shall have the  
22 authority to install signs, in conformance with the State  
23 Manual and specifications, alerting motorists of the tourist  
24 oriented businesses available on roads under local  
25 jurisdiction in rural areas as may be required to guide  
26 motorists to the businesses. The local authorities and road  
27 district highway commissioners shall also have the authority  
28 to sell or lease space on these signs to the owners or  
29 operators of the businesses.

30 (Source: P.A. 90-519, eff. 6-1-98.)

31 (625 ILCS 5/15-102) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-102)

32 Sec. 15-102. Width of Vehicles.

1 (a) On Class III and non-designated State and local  
2 highways, the total outside width of any vehicle or load  
3 thereon shall not exceed 8 feet.

4 (b) Except during those times when, due to insufficient  
5 light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and  
6 vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a  
7 distance of 1000 feet, the following vehicles may exceed the  
8 8 feet limitation during the period from a half hour before  
9 sunrise to a half hour after sunset:

10 (1) Loads of hay, straw or other similar farm  
11 products provided that the load is not more than 12 feet  
12 wide.

13 (2) Implements of husbandry being transported on  
14 another vehicle and the transporting vehicle while  
15 loaded.

16 The following requirements apply to the  
17 transportation on another vehicle of an implement of  
18 husbandry wider than 8 feet 6 inches on the National  
19 System of Interstate and Defense Highways or other  
20 highways in the system of State highways:

21 (A) The driver of a vehicle transporting an  
22 implement of husbandry that exceeds 8 feet 6 inches  
23 in width shall obey all traffic laws and shall check  
24 the roadways prior to making a movement in order to  
25 ensure that adequate clearance is available for the  
26 movement. It is prima facie evidence that the  
27 driver of a vehicle transporting an implement of  
28 husbandry has failed to check the roadway prior to  
29 making a movement if the vehicle is involved in a  
30 collision with a bridge, overpass, fixed structure,  
31 or properly placed traffic control device or if the  
32 vehicle blocks traffic due to its inability to  
33 proceed because of a bridge, overpass, fixed  
34 structure, or properly placed traffic control

1 device.

2 (B) Flags shall be displayed so as to wave  
3 freely at the extremities of overwidth objects and  
4 at the extreme ends of all protrusions, projections,  
5 and overhangs. All flags shall be clean, bright red  
6 flags with no advertising, wording, emblem, or  
7 insignia inscribed upon them and at least 18 inches  
8 square.

9 (C) "OVERSIZE LOAD" signs are mandatory on the  
10 front and rear of all vehicles with loads over 10  
11 feet wide. These signs must have 12-inch high black  
12 letters with a 2-inch stroke on a yellow sign that  
13 is 7 feet wide by 18 inches high.

14 (D) One civilian escort vehicle is required  
15 for a load that exceeds 14 feet 6 inches in width  
16 and 2 civilian escort vehicles are required for a  
17 load that exceeds 16 feet in width on the National  
18 System of Interstate and Defense Highways or other  
19 highways in the system of State highways.

20 (E) The requirements for a civilian escort  
21 vehicle and driver are as follows:

22 (1) The civilian escort vehicle shall be  
23 a passenger car or a second division vehicle  
24 not exceeding a gross vehicle weight of 8,000  
25 pounds that is designed to afford clear and  
26 unobstructed vision to both front and rear.

27 (2) The escort vehicle driver must be  
28 properly licensed to operate the vehicle.

29 (3) While in use, the escort vehicle must  
30 be equipped with illuminated rotating,  
31 oscillating, or flashing amber lights or  
32 flashing amber strobe lights mounted on top  
33 that are of sufficient intensity to be visible  
34 at 500 feet in normal sunlight.

1                   (4) "OVERSIZE LOAD" signs are mandatory  
2                   on all escort vehicles. The sign on an escort  
3                   vehicle shall have 8-inch high black letters on  
4                   a yellow sign that is 5 feet wide by 12 inches  
5                   high.

6                   (5) When only one escort vehicle is  
7                   required and it is operating on a two-lane  
8                   highway, the escort vehicle shall travel  
9                   approximately 300 feet ahead of the load. The  
10                  rotating, oscillating, or flashing lights or  
11                  flashing amber strobe lights and an "OVERSIZE  
12                  LOAD" sign shall be displayed on the escort  
13                  vehicle and shall be visible from the front.  
14                  When only one escort vehicle is required and it  
15                  is operating on a multilane divided highway,  
16                  the escort vehicle shall travel approximately  
17                  300 feet behind the load and the sign and  
18                  lights shall be visible from the rear.

19                  (6) When 2 escort vehicles are required,  
20                  one escort shall travel approximately 300 feet  
21                  ahead of the load and the second escort shall  
22                  travel approximately 300 feet behind the load.  
23                  The rotating, oscillating, or flashing lights  
24                  or flashing amber strobe lights and an  
25                  "OVERSIZE LOAD" sign shall be displayed on the  
26                  escort vehicles and shall be visible from the  
27                  front on the lead escort and from the rear on  
28                  the trailing escort.

29                  (7) When traveling within the corporate  
30                  limits of a municipality, the escort vehicle  
31                  shall maintain a reasonable and proper distance  
32                  from the oversize load, consistent with  
33                  existing traffic conditions.

34                  (8) A separate escort shall be provided

1 for each load hauled.

2 (9) The driver of an escort vehicle shall  
3 obey all traffic laws.

4 (10) The escort vehicle must be in safe  
5 operational condition.

6 (11) The driver of the escort vehicle  
7 must be in radio contact with the driver of the  
8 vehicle carrying the oversize load.

9 (F) A transport vehicle while under load of  
10 more than 8 feet 6 inches in width must be equipped  
11 with an illuminated rotating, oscillating, or  
12 flashing amber light or lights or a flashing amber  
13 strobe light or lights mounted on the top of the cab  
14 that are of sufficient intensity to be visible at  
15 500 feet in normal sunlight. If the load on the  
16 transport vehicle blocks the visibility of the amber  
17 lighting from the rear of the vehicle, the vehicle  
18 must also be equipped with an illuminated rotating,  
19 oscillating, or flashing amber light or lights or a  
20 flashing amber strobe light or lights mounted on the  
21 rear of the load that are of sufficient intensity to  
22 be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight.

23 (G) When a flashing amber light is required on  
24 the transport vehicle under load and it is operating  
25 on a two-lane highway, the transport vehicle shall  
26 display to the rear at least one rotating,  
27 oscillating, or flashing light or a flashing amber  
28 strobe light and an "OVERSIZE LOAD" sign. When a  
29 flashing amber light is required on the transport  
30 vehicle under load and it is operating on a  
31 multilane divided highway, the sign and light shall  
32 be visible from the rear.

33 (H) Maximum speed shall be 45 miles per hour  
34 on all such moves or 5 miles per hour above the



1 posted minimum speed limit, whichever is greater,  
2 but the vehicle shall not at any time exceed the  
3 posted maximum speed limit.

4 (3) Portable buildings designed and used for  
5 agricultural and livestock raising operations that are  
6 not more than 14 feet wide and with not more than a 1  
7 foot overhang along the left side of the hauling vehicle.  
8 However, the buildings shall not be transported more than  
9 10 miles and not on any route that is part of the  
10 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

11 All buildings when being transported shall display at  
12 least 2 red cloth flags, not less than 12 inches square,  
13 mounted as high as practicable on the left and right side of  
14 the building.

15 A State Police escort shall be required if it is  
16 necessary for this load to use part of the left lane when  
17 crossing any 2 laned State highway bridge.

18 (c) Vehicles propelled by electric power obtained from  
19 overhead trolley wires operated wholly within the corporate  
20 limits of a municipality are also exempt from the width  
21 limitation.

22 (d) Exemptions are also granted to vehicles designed for  
23 the carrying of more than 10 persons under the following  
24 conditions:

25 (1) (Blank);

26 (2) When operated within any public transportation  
27 service with the approval of local authorities or an  
28 appropriate public body authorized by law to provide  
29 public transportation. Any vehicle so operated may be 8  
30 feet 6 inches in width; or

31 (3) When a county engineer or superintendent of  
32 highways, after giving due consideration to the mass  
33 transportation needs of the area and to the width and  
34 condition of the road, has determined that the operation

1 of buses wider than 8 feet will not pose an undue safety  
2 hazard on a particular county or township road segment,  
3 he or she may authorize buses not to exceed 8 feet 6  
4 inches in width on any highway under that engineer's or  
5 superintendent's jurisdiction.

6 (e) A vehicle and load traveling upon the National  
7 System of Interstate and Defense Highways or any other  
8 highway in the system of State highways that has been  
9 designated as a Class I or Class II highway by the  
10 Department, or any street or highway designated by local  
11 authorities ~~or road district commissioners~~, may have a total  
12 outside width of 8 feet 6 inches, provided that certain  
13 safety devices that the Department determines as necessary  
14 for the safe and efficient operation of motor vehicles shall  
15 not be included in the calculation of width.

16 (e-1) A vehicle and load more than 8 feet wide but not  
17 exceeding 8 feet 6 inches in width is allowed access  
18 according to the following:

19 (1) A vehicle and load not exceeding 73,280 pounds  
20 in weight is allowed access from any State designated  
21 highway onto any county, township, or municipal highway  
22 for a distance of 5 highway miles for the purpose of  
23 loading and unloading, provided:

24 (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 65  
25 feet overall length.

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

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

29 (2) A vehicle and load not exceeding 73,280 pounds  
30 in weight is allowed access from any State designated  
31 highway onto any county or township highway for a  
32 distance of 5 highway miles or onto any municipal highway  
33 for a distance of one highway mile for the purpose of  
34 food, fuel, repairs, and rest, provided:

1                   (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 65  
2 feet overall length.

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

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

6                   (3) A vehicle and load not exceeding 80,000 pounds  
7 in weight is allowed access from a Class I highway onto  
8 any street or highway for a distance of one highway mile  
9 for the purpose of loading, unloading, food, fuel,  
10 repairs, and rest, provided there is no sign prohibiting  
11 that access.

12                   (4) A vehicle and load not exceeding 80,000 pounds  
13 in weight is allowed access from a Class I or Class II  
14 highway onto any State highway or any locally designated  
15 highway for a distance of 5 highway miles for the purpose  
16 of loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

17                   (5) A trailer or semi-trailer not exceeding 28 feet  
18 6 inches in length, that was originally in combination  
19 with a truck tractor, shall have unlimited access to  
20 points of loading and unloading.

21                   (6) All household goods carriers shall have  
22 unlimited access to points of loading and unloading.

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

26                   (f) Mirrors required by Section 12-502 of this Code and  
27 other safety devices identified by the Department may project  
28 up to 14 inches beyond each side of a bus and up to 6 inches  
29 beyond each side of any other vehicle, and that projection  
30 shall not be deemed a violation of the width restrictions of  
31 this Section.

32                   (g) Any person who is convicted of violating this  
33 Section is subject to the penalty as provided in paragraph  
34 (b) of Section 15-113.

1 (Source: P.A. 91-780, eff. 6-9-00; 92-417, eff. 1-1-02.)

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

3 Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

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

7 (1) Semitrailers.

8 (2) Charter or regulated route buses may be up to  
9 45 feet in length, not including energy absorbing  
10 bumpers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 celebrated: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day;  
2 Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1           (C) The second vehicle in the combination of  
2 vehicles is a recreational vehicle that is towed by  
3 a fifth-wheel assembly. This vehicle must be  
4 properly registered and must be equipped with  
5 brakes, regardless of weight.

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

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

13           (F) All vehicles must be properly equipped  
14 with operating brakes and safety equipment required  
15 by this Code, except the additional brake  
16 requirement in subdivision (C) of this subparagraph  
17 (5).

18           (6) A tow truck in combination with a disabled  
19 vehicle or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the  
20 towing vehicle:

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

31           (B) Is equipped with flashing, rotating, or  
32 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500  
33 feet in all directions.

34           (C) Is capable of utilizing the lighting and

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

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

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

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

16          (d) On Class I highways there are no overall length  
17          limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations  
18          provided:

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

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

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

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

32                 (5) Combinations of vehicles specifically designed  
33                 to transport motor vehicles or boats may not exceed 65  
34                 feet overall dimension. The length limitation is

1 inclusive of front and rear bumpers but exclusive of the  
2 overhang of the transported vehicles, as provided in  
3 paragraph (i) of this Section.

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

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

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

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

32 A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle or  
33 combination of disabled vehicles, as provided in paragraph  
34 (6) of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length



1 limitations.

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

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

12 (e) On Class II highways there are no overall length  
13 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations,  
14 provided:

15 (1) The length of a semitrailer, unladen or with  
16 load, in combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed  
17 53 feet overall dimension.

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

22 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination  
23 may not exceed 65 feet in dimension from front axle to  
24 rear axle.

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

29 (5) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter  
30 1, may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

31 (6) A combination of vehicles, specifically  
32 designed to transport motor vehicles or boats, may not  
33 exceed 65 feet overall dimension. The length limitation  
34 is inclusive of front and rear bumpers but exclusive of

1 the overhang of the transported vehicles, as provided in  
2 paragraph (i) of this Section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

5           The length limitations described in this paragraph (e)  
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          (e-1) Combinations of vehicles not exceeding 65 feet  
13  overall length are allowed access as follows:

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

18           (A) The vehicle does not exceed 73,280 pounds  
19   in 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  
22  thoroughfare between State designated highways.

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

28           (A) The vehicle does not exceed 73,280 pounds  
29   in 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  
32  thoroughfare between State designated highways.

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

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

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

7 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any  
8 State highway or any locally designated highway for a  
9 distance of 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading,  
10 unloading, 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  
20 highways, the length limitations for vehicles in combination  
21 are as follows:

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

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

27 (3) No truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer  
28 combination 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  
33 this 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  
5 feet and no object exceeding 80 feet in length may be  
6 transported unless a permit has been obtained as  
7 authorized in Section 15-301.

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

15 (3) A tow truck in combination with a disabled  
16 vehicle or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the  
17 towing 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  
20 18,000 pounds and equipped with air brakes, provided  
21 that air brakes are required only if the towing  
22 vehicle is towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or  
23 tractor-trailer combination that is equipped with  
24 air brakes.

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

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

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

34 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe

1 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a  
2 tow truck towing another vehicle.

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. Legal  
6 holidays referred to in this Section shall be specified as  
7 the day on which the following traditional holidays are  
8 celebrated:

9 New Year's Day;

10 Memorial Day;

11 Independence Day;

12 Labor Day;

13 Thanksgiving Day; and

14 Christmas Day.

15 (h) The load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the  
16 load upon the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles,  
17 shall not extend more than 3 feet beyond the front wheels of  
18 the vehicle or the front bumper of the vehicle if it is  
19 equipped with a front bumper. The provisions of this  
20 subsection (h) shall not apply to any vehicle or combination  
21 of vehicles specifically designed for the collection and  
22 transportation of waste, garbage, or recyclable materials  
23 during the vehicle's operation in the course of collecting  
24 garbage, waste, or recyclable materials if the vehicle is  
25 traveling at a speed not in excess of 15 miles per hour  
26 during the vehicle's operation and in the course of  
27 collecting garbage, waste, or recyclable materials. However,  
28 in no instance shall the load extend more than 7 feet beyond  
29 the front wheels of the vehicle or the front bumper of the  
30 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  
4 paragraphs (d) and (e) of this Section.

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

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

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

17 (j-1) (Blank).

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

21 (l) (Blank).

22 (Source: P.A. 92-417, eff. 1-1-02; 92-766, eff. 1-1-03;  
23 92-883, eff. 1-13-03.)

24 (625 ILCS 5/15-111) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-111)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31          (9) tandem axles on a 3-axle truck registered as a  
32          Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in the  
33          model year of 2004 and first registered in Illinois prior  
34          to January 1, 2005, with a distance greater than 72



1 inches but not more than 96 inches between any series of  
2 2 axles, is allowed a combined weight on the series not  
3 to exceed 36,000 pounds and neither axle of the series  
4 may exceed 18,000 pounds. Any vehicle of this type  
5 manufactured after the model year of 2004 or first  
6 registered in Illinois after December 31, 2004 may not  
7 exceed a combined weight of 32,000 pounds through the  
8 series of 2 axles and neither axle of the series may  
9 exceed 18,000 pounds;

10 (10) tandem axles on a 4-axle truck mixer, whose  
11 fourth axle is a road surface engaging mixer trailing  
12 axle, registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle, used  
13 exclusively for the mixing and transportation of concrete  
14 and manufactured prior to or in the model year of 2004  
15 and first registered in Illinois prior to January 1,  
16 2005, with a distance greater than 72 inches but not more  
17 than 96 inches between any series of 2 axles, is allowed  
18 a combined weight on the series not to exceed 36,000  
19 pounds and neither axle of the series may exceed 18,000  
20 pounds. Any vehicle of this type manufactured after the  
21 model year of 2004 or first registered in Illinois after  
22 December 31, 2004 may not exceed a combined weight of  
23 32,000 pounds through the series of 2 axles and neither  
24 axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds;

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

34 No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with other

1 than pneumatic tires may be operated, unladen or with load,  
 2 upon the highways of this State when the gross weight on the  
 3 road surface through any wheel exceeds 800 pounds per inch  
 4 width of tire tread or when the gross weight on the road  
 5 surface through any axle exceeds 16,000 pounds.

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

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

14 VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS

15 HAVING 3 AXLES

16	With Tandem		With or	
17	Axles		Without	
18			Tandem Axles	
19	Minimum		Minimum	
20	distance to	Maximum	distance to	Maximum
21	nearest foot	Gross	nearest foot	Gross
22	between	Weight	between	Weight
23	extreme axles	(pounds)	extreme axles	(pounds)
24	10 feet	41,000	16 feet	46,000
25	11	42,000	17	47,000
26	12	43,000	18	47,500
27	13	44,000	19	48,000
28	14	44,500	20	49,000
29	15	45,000	21 feet or more	50,000

30 VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS

31 HAVING 4 AXLES

32	Minimum		Minimum	
33	distance to	Maximum	distance to	Maximum

1	nearest foot	Gross	nearest foot	Gross
2	between	Weight	between	Weight
3	extreme axles	(pounds)	extreme axles	(pounds)
4	15 feet	50,000	26 feet	57,500
5	16	50,500	27	58,000
6	17	51,500	28	58,500
7	18	52,000	29	59,500
8	19	52,500	30	60,000
9	20	53,500	31	60,500
10	21	54,000	32	61,500
11	22	54,500	33	62,000
12	23	55,500	34	62,500
13	24	56,000	35	63,500
14	25	56,500	36 feet or more	64,000

15 A vehicle not in a combination having more than 4 axles  
 16 may not exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (b)  
 17 for 4 axles measured between the extreme axles of the  
 18 vehicle.

19 COMBINATIONS HAVING 5 OR MORE AXLES

20	Minimum distance to	Maximum
21	nearest foot between	Gross Weight
22	extreme axles	(pounds)
23	42 feet or less	72,000
24	43	73,000
25	44 feet or more	73,280

26 VEHICLES OPERATING ON CRAWLER TYPE TRACKS ..... 40,000 pounds

27 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH SELFCOMPACTORS

28 OR ROLL-OFF HOISTS AND ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS FOR GARBAGE

29 OR REFUSE HAULS ONLY AND TRUCKS USED FOR

30 THE COLLECTION OF RENDERING MATERIALS

31 On Highway Not Part of National System

32 of Interstate and Defense Highways

33 with 2 axles 36,000 pounds

1 with 3 axles 54,000 pounds

2 TWO AXLE TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH  
3 A FRONT LOADING COMPACTOR USED EXCLUSIVELY  
4 FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, REFUSE, OR RECYCLING

5 with 2 axles 40,000 pounds

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

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

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

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

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

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

7           (4) does not engage in a tow exceeding 20 miles  
8           from the initial point of wreck or disablement. Any  
9           additional movement of the vehicles may occur only upon  
10          issuance of authorization for that movement under the  
11          provisions of Sections 15-301 through 15-319 of this  
12          Code.

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

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

34          For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight

1 rating, or GVWR, shall mean the value specified by the  
2 manufacturer as the loaded weight of the tow truck.

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

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

25 The above formula when expressed in tabular form results  
26 in allowable loads as follows:

27	Distance measured				
28	to the nearest				
29	foot between the				
30	extremes of any	Maximum weight in pounds			
31	group of 2 or	of any group of			
32	more consecutive	2 or more consecutive axles			
33	axles				
34	feet	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles 6 axles

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

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

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

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

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

33 Local authorities and ~~road district highway~~  
 34 ~~commissioners~~, with respect to streets and highways under



1 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  
5 on any tandem axle shall not exceed 34,000 pounds, on  
6 designated highways when appropriate regulatory signs giving  
7 notice are erected upon the street or highway or portion of  
8 any street or highway affected by the ordinance or  
9 resolution.

10 The following are exceptions to the above formula:

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

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

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

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

25 (5) A tandem axle on a 3-axle truck registered as a  
26 Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in the  
27 model year of 2004, and registered in Illinois prior to  
28 January 1, 2005, with a distance between 2 axles in a  
29 series greater than 72 inches but not more than 96 inches  
30 may not exceed a total weight of 36,000 pounds and  
31 neither axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds.

32 (6) A truck not in combination, equipped with a  
33 self compactor or an industrial roll-off hoist and  
34 roll-off container, used exclusively for garbage or

1 refuse operations, may, when laden, transmit upon the  
2 road surface, except when on part of the National System  
3 of Interstate and Defense Highways, the following maximum  
4 weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on  
5 a tandem axle; 36,000 pounds gross weight on a 2-axle  
6 vehicle; 54,000 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle.  
7 This vehicle is not subject to the bridge formula.

8 (7) Combinations of vehicles, registered as Special  
9 Hauling Vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured  
10 prior to or in the model year of 2004, and registered in  
11 Illinois prior to January 1, 2005, having 5 axles with a  
12 distance of 42 feet or less between extreme axles, may  
13 not exceed the following maximum weights: 18,000 pounds  
14 on a single axle; 32,000 pounds on a tandem axle; and  
15 72,000 pounds gross weight. This combination of vehicles  
16 is not subject to the bridge formula. For all those  
17 combinations of vehicles that include a semitrailer  
18 manufactured after the effective date of this amendatory  
19 Act of the 92nd General Assembly, the overall distance  
20 between the first and last axles of the 2 sets of tandems  
21 must be 18 feet 6 inches or more. Any combination of  
22 vehicles that has had its cargo container replaced in its  
23 entirety after December 31, 2004 may not exceed the  
24 weights allowed by the bridge formula.

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

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

33 (1) From any State designated highway onto any  
34 county, township, or municipal highway for a distance of

1 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading and unloading,  
2 provided:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (g) No person shall operate a vehicle or combination of  
33 vehicles over a bridge or other elevated structure  
34 constituting part of a highway with a gross weight that is

1 greater than the maximum weight permitted by the Department,  
2 when the structure is sign posted as provided in this  
3 Section.

4 (h) The Department upon request from any local authority  
5 shall, or upon its own initiative may, conduct an  
6 investigation of any bridge or other elevated structure  
7 constituting a part of a highway, and if it finds that the  
8 structure cannot with safety to itself withstand the weight  
9 of vehicles otherwise permissible under this Code the  
10 Department shall determine and declare the maximum weight of  
11 vehicles that the structures can withstand, and shall cause  
12 or permit suitable signs stating maximum weight to be erected  
13 and maintained before each end of the structure. No person  
14 shall operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles over any  
15 structure with a gross weight that is greater than the posted  
16 maximum weight.

17 (i) Upon the trial of any person charged with a  
18 violation of subsections (g) or (h) of this Section, proof of  
19 the determination of the maximum allowable weight by the  
20 Department and the existence of the signs, constitutes  
21 conclusive evidence of the maximum weight that can be  
22 maintained with safety to the bridge or structure.

23 (Source: P.A. 92-417, eff. 1-1-02.)

24 (625 ILCS 5/15-316) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-316)

25 Sec. 15-316. When the Department, or local authority ~~or~~  
26 ~~road-district-highway-commissioner~~ may restrict right to use  
27 highways.

28 (a) Local authorities ~~and---road---district--highway~~  
29 ~~commissioners~~ with respect to highways under their  
30 jurisdiction may by ordinance or resolution prohibit the  
31 operation of vehicles upon any such highway or impose  
32 restrictions as to the weight of vehicles to be operated upon  
33 any such highway, for a total period of not to exceed 90 days

1 in any one calendar year, whenever any said highway by reason  
 2 of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climate conditions  
 3 will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of  
 4 vehicles thereon is prohibited or the permissible weights  
 5 thereof reduced.

6 (b) The local authority ~~or--road--district--highway~~  
 7 ~~commissioner~~ enacting any such ordinance or resolution shall  
 8 erect or cause to be erected and maintained signs designating  
 9 the provision of the ordinance or resolution at each end of  
 10 that portion of any highway affected thereby, and the  
 11 ordinance or resolution shall not be effective unless and  
 12 until such signs are erected and maintained.

13 (c) Local authorities ~~and---road---district--highway~~  
 14 ~~commissioners~~ with respect to highways under their  
 15 jurisdiction may also, by ordinance or resolution, prohibit  
 16 the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles, or may  
 17 impose limitations as to the weight thereof, on designated  
 18 highways, which prohibitions and limitations shall be  
 19 designated by appropriate signs placed on such highways.

20 (c-1) (Blank).

21 (d) The Department shall likewise have authority as  
 22 hereinbefore granted to local authorities ~~and--road--district~~  
 23 ~~highway--commissioners~~ to determine by resolution and to  
 24 impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles operated  
 25 upon any highway under the jurisdiction of said department,  
 26 and such restrictions shall be effective when signs giving  
 27 notice thereof are erected upon the highway or portion of any  
 28 highway affected by such resolution.

29 (d-1) (Blank).

30 (d-2) (Blank).

31 (e) When any vehicle is operated in violation of this  
 32 Section, the owner or driver of the vehicle shall be deemed  
 33 guilty of a violation and either the owner or the driver of  
 34 the vehicle may be prosecuted for the violation. Any person,

1 firm, or corporation convicted of violating this Section  
2 shall be fined \$50 for any weight exceeding the posted limit  
3 up to the axle or gross weight limit allowed a vehicle as  
4 provided for in subsections (a) or (b) of Section 15-111 and  
5 \$75 per every 500 pounds or fraction thereof for any weight  
6 exceeding that which is provided for in subsections (a) or  
7 (b) of Section 15-111.

8 (f) A municipality is authorized to enforce a county  
9 weight limit ordinance applying to county highways within its  
10 corporate limits and is entitled to the proceeds of any fines  
11 collected from the enforcement.

12 (Source: P.A. 92-417, eff. 1-1-02.)

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.