

1 AN ACT concerning vehicles.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 15-111 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/15-111) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-111)

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

8 (a) On non-designated highways, no vehicle or combination  
9 of vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires may be operated,  
10 unladen or with load, when the total weight transmitted to the  
11 road surface exceeds 18,000 pounds on a single axle or 32,000  
12 pounds on a tandem axle with no axle within the tandem  
13 exceeding 18,000 pounds except:

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

16 (2) 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 (3) tow trucks subject to the conditions provided in  
20 subsection (d) may not exceed 24,000 pounds on a single  
21 rear axle or 44,000 pounds on a tandem rear axle;

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

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

29 (6) any single axle of a 2-axle truck specially  
30 equipped with a front loading compactor used exclusively  
31 for garbage, refuse, or recycling may not exceed 20,000  
32 pounds per axle, provided that the gross weight of the

1 vehicle does not exceed 40,000 pounds;

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

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

13 (9) tandem axles on a 3-axle truck registered as a  
14 Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in the  
15 model year of 2014 and first registered in Illinois prior  
16 to January 1, 2015, with a distance greater than 72 inches  
17 but not more than 96 inches between any series of 2 axles,  
18 is allowed a combined weight on the series not to exceed  
19 36,000 pounds and neither axle of the series may exceed  
20 18,000 pounds. Any vehicle of this type manufactured after  
21 the model year of 2014 or first registered in Illinois  
22 after December 31, 2014 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 (10) ~~tandem axles on a 4-axle truck mixer, whose fourth~~  
26 ~~axle is a road surface engaging mixer trailing axle,~~  
27 registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle, used exclusively  
28 for the mixing and transportation of concrete and  
29 manufactured prior to or in the model year of 2014 and  
30 first registered in Illinois prior to January 1, 2015, ~~with~~  
31 ~~a distance greater than 72 inches but not more than 96~~  
32 ~~inches between any series of 2 axles,~~ is allowed the  
33 following maximum weights: 20,000 pounds on any single  
34 axle; 36,000 pounds on any series of 2 axles greater than  
35 72 inches but not more than 96 inches; and 34,000 pounds on  
36 any series of 2 axles greater than 40 inches but not more

1 ~~than 72 inches a combined weight on the series not to~~  
 2 ~~exceed 36,000 pounds and neither axle of the series may~~  
 3 ~~exceed 18,000 pounds. Any vehicle of this type manufactured~~  
 4 ~~after the model year of 2014 or first registered in~~  
 5 ~~Illinois after December 31, 2014 may not exceed a combined~~  
 6 ~~weight of 32,000 pounds through the series of 2 axles and~~  
 7 ~~neither axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds;~~

8 (11) 4-axle vehicles or a 5 or more axle combination of  
 9 vehicles: The weight transmitted upon the road surface  
 10 through any series of 3 axles whose centers are more than  
 11 96 inches apart, measured between extreme axles in the  
 12 series, may not exceed those allowed in the table contained  
 13 in subsection (f) of this Section. No axle or tandem axle  
 14 of the series may exceed the maximum weight permitted under  
 15 this Section for a single or tandem axle.

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

22 (b) On non-designated highways, the gross weight of  
 23 vehicles and combination of vehicles including the weight of  
 24 the vehicle or combination and its maximum load shall be  
 25 subject to the foregoing limitations and further shall not  
 26 exceed the following gross weights dependent upon the number of  
 27 axles and distance between extreme axles of the vehicle or  
 28 combination measured longitudinally to the nearest foot.

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

|    |                          |              |
|----|--------------------------|--------------|
| 30 | VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS |              |
| 31 | HAVING 3 AXLES           |              |
| 32 | With Tandem              | With or      |
| 33 | Axles                    | Without      |
| 34 |                          | Tandem Axles |

|    |               |          |                 |          |
|----|---------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 1  | Minimum       |          | Minimum         |          |
| 2  | distance to   | Maximum  | distance to     | Maximum  |
| 3  | nearest foot  | Gross    | nearest foot    | Gross    |
| 4  | between       | Weight   | between         | Weight   |
| 5  | extreme axles | (pounds) | extreme axles   | (pounds) |
| 6  | 10 feet       | 41,000   | 16 feet         | 46,000   |
| 7  | 11            | 42,000   | 17              | 47,000   |
| 8  | 12            | 43,000   | 18              | 47,500   |
| 9  | 13            | 44,000   | 19              | 48,000   |
| 10 | 14            | 44,500   | 20              | 49,000   |
| 11 | 15            | 45,000   | 21 feet or more | 50,000   |

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13 VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS HAVING 4 AXLES

|    |               |          |                 |          |
|----|---------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 14 | Minimum       |          | Minimum         |          |
| 15 | distance to   | Maximum  | distance to     | Maximum  |
| 16 | nearest foot  | Gross    | nearest foot    | Gross    |
| 17 | between       | Weight   | between         | Weight   |
| 18 | extreme axles | (pounds) | extreme axles   | (pounds) |
| 19 | 15 feet       | 50,000   | 26 feet         | 57,500   |
| 20 | 16            | 50,500   | 27              | 58,000   |
| 21 | 17            | 51,500   | 28              | 58,500   |
| 22 | 18            | 52,000   | 29              | 59,500   |
| 23 | 19            | 52,500   | 30              | 60,000   |
| 24 | 20            | 53,500   | 31              | 60,500   |
| 25 | 21            | 54,000   | 32              | 61,500   |
| 26 | 22            | 54,500   | 33              | 62,000   |
| 27 | 23            | 55,500   | 34              | 62,500   |
| 28 | 24            | 56,000   | 35              | 63,500   |
| 29 | 25            | 56,500   | 36 feet or more | 64,000   |

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

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34 COMBINATIONS HAVING 5 OR MORE AXLES

35 Minimum distance to Maximum  
 36 nearest foot between Gross Weight

|   |                 |          |
|---|-----------------|----------|
| 1 | extreme axles   | (pounds) |
| 2 | 42 feet or less | 72,000   |
| 3 | 43              | 73,000   |
| 4 | 44 feet or more | 73,280   |

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

6 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH SELFCOMPACTORS  
 7 OR ROLL-OFF HOISTS AND ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS FOR GARBAGE  
 8 OR REFUSE HAULS ONLY AND TRUCKS USED FOR  
 9 THE COLLECTION OF RENDERING MATERIALS  
 10 On Highway Not Part of National System  
 11 of Interstate and Defense Highways  
 12 with 2 axles 36,000 pounds  
 13 with 3 axles 54,000 pounds

14 TWO AXLE TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH  
 15 A FRONT LOADING COMPACTOR USED EXCLUSIVELY  
 16 FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, REFUSE, OR RECYCLING  
 17 with 2 axles 40,000 pounds

18 A 4-axle truck mixer registered as a Special Hauling  
 19 Vehicle, used exclusively for mixing and transportation of  
 20 concrete, and manufactured before or in the model year of 2014  
 21 and first registered in Illinois before January 1, 2015, is  
 22 allowed a maximum gross weight listed in the table of  
 23 subsection (f) of this Section for 4 axles. This vehicle is not  
 24 subject to the series of 3 axles requirement provided for in  
 25 subdivision (a) (11) of this Section.

26 (c) Cities having a population of more than 50,000 may  
 27 permit by ordinance axle loads on 2 axle motor vehicles 33 1/2%  
 28 above those provided for herein, but the increase shall not  
 29 become effective until the city has officially notified the  
 30 Department of the passage of the ordinance and shall not apply  
 31 to those vehicles when outside of the limits of the city, nor  
 32 shall the gross weight of any 2 axle motor vehicle operating

1 over any street of the city exceed 40,000 pounds.

2 (d) Weight limitations shall not apply to vehicles  
3 (including loads) operated by a public utility when  
4 transporting equipment required for emergency repair of public  
5 utility facilities or properties or water wells.

6 A combination of vehicles, including a tow truck and a  
7 disabled vehicle or disabled combination of vehicles, that  
8 exceeds the weight restriction imposed by this Code, may be  
9 operated on a public highway in this State provided that  
10 neither the disabled vehicle nor any vehicle being towed nor  
11 the tow truck itself shall exceed the weight limitations  
12 permitted under this Chapter. During the towing operation,  
13 neither the tow truck nor the vehicle combination shall exceed  
14 24,000 pounds on a single rear axle and 44,000 pounds on a  
15 tandem rear axle, provided the towing vehicle:

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

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

25 (3) is capable of utilizing the lighting and braking  
26 systems of the disabled vehicle or combination of vehicles;  
27 and

28 (4) does not engage in a tow exceeding 20 miles from  
29 the initial point of wreck or disablement. Any additional  
30 movement of the vehicles may occur only upon issuance of  
31 authorization for that movement under the provisions of  
32 Sections 15-301 through 15-319 of this Code.

33 Gross weight limits shall not apply to the combination of  
34 the tow truck and vehicles being towed. The tow truck license  
35 plate must cover the operating empty weight of the tow truck  
36 only. The weight of each vehicle being towed shall be covered

1 by a valid license plate issued to the owner or operator of the  
2 vehicle being towed and displayed on that vehicle. If no valid  
3 plate issued to the owner or operator of that vehicle is  
4 displayed on that vehicle, or the plate displayed on that  
5 vehicle does not cover the weight of the vehicle, the weight of  
6 the vehicle shall be covered by the third tow truck plate  
7 issued to the owner or operator of the tow truck and  
8 temporarily affixed to the vehicle being towed.

9 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe  
10 additional requirements. However, nothing in this Code shall  
11 prohibit a tow truck under instructions of a police officer  
12 from legally clearing a disabled vehicle, that may be in  
13 violation of weight limitations of this Chapter, from the  
14 roadway to the berm or shoulder of the highway. If in the  
15 opinion of the police officer that location is unsafe, the  
16 officer is authorized to have the disabled vehicle towed to the  
17 nearest place of safety.

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

21 (e) No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with  
22 pneumatic tires shall be operated, unladen or with load, upon  
23 the highways of this State in violation of the provisions of  
24 any permit issued under the provisions of Sections 15-301  
25 through 15-319 of this Chapter.

26 (f) On designated Class I, II, or III highways and the  
27 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, no vehicle  
28 or combination of vehicles with pneumatic tires may be  
29 operated, unladen or with load, when the total weight on the  
30 road surface exceeds the following: 20,000 pounds on a single  
31 axle; 34,000 pounds on a tandem axle with no axle within the  
32 tandem exceeding 20,000 pounds; 80,000 pounds gross weight for  
33 vehicle combinations of 5 or more axles; or a total weight on a  
34 group of 2 or more consecutive axles in excess of that weight  
35 produced by the application of the following formula:  $W = 500$   
36 times the sum of (LN divided by N-1) + 12N + 36, where "W"

1 equals overall total weight on any group of 2 or more  
 2 consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds, "L" equals the  
 3 distance measured to the nearest foot between extremes of any  
 4 group of 2 or more consecutive axles, and "N" equals the number  
 5 of axles in the group under consideration.

6 The above formula when expressed in tabular form results in  
 7 allowable loads as follows:

8 Distance measured  
 9 to the nearest  
 10 foot between the  
 11 extremes of any  
 12 group of 2 or  
 13 more consecutive  
 14 axles

Maximum weight in pounds  
 of any group of  
 2 or more consecutive axles

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



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

35 \*If the distance between 2 axles is 96 inches or less, the 2  
36 axles are tandem axles and the maximum total weight may not

1 exceed 34,000 pounds, notwithstanding the higher limit  
2 resulting from the application of the formula.

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

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

9 Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways  
10 under their jurisdiction, without additional fees, may also by  
11 ordinance or resolution allow the weight limitations of this  
12 subsection, provided the maximum gross weight on any one axle  
13 shall not exceed 20,000 pounds and the maximum total weight on  
14 any tandem axle shall not exceed 34,000 pounds, on designated  
15 highways when appropriate regulatory signs giving notice are  
16 erected upon the street or highway or portion of any street or  
17 highway affected by the ordinance or resolution.

18 The following are exceptions to the above formula:

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

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

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

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

32 (5) A tandem axle on a 3-axle truck registered as a  
33 Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in the  
34 model year of 2014, and registered in Illinois prior to  
35 January 1, 2015, with a distance between 2 axles in a  
36 series greater than 72 inches but not more than 96 inches

1           may not exceed a total weight of 36,000 pounds and neither  
2           axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds.

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

13          (7) Combinations of vehicles, registered as Special  
14          Hauling Vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured  
15          prior to or in the model year of 2014, and registered in  
16          Illinois prior to January 1, 2015, having 5 axles with a  
17          distance of 42 feet or less between extreme axles, may not  
18          exceed the following maximum weights: 18,000 pounds on a  
19          single axle; 32,000 pounds on a tandem axle; and 72,000  
20          pounds gross weight. This combination of vehicles is not  
21          subject to the bridge formula. For all those combinations  
22          of vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured after  
23          the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd  
24          General Assembly, the overall distance between the first  
25          and last axles of the 2 sets of tandems must be 18 feet 6  
26          inches or more. Any combination of vehicles that has had  
27          its cargo container replaced in its entirety after December  
28          31, 2014 may not exceed the weights allowed by the bridge  
29          formula.

30          (8) A 4-axle truck mixer registered as a Special  
31          Hauling Vehicle, used exclusively for the mixing and  
32          transportation of concrete and manufactured before or in  
33          the model year of 2014 and first registered in Illinois  
34          before January 1, 2015, and not operated on a highway that  
35          is part of the National System of Interstate Highways, is  
36          allowed the following maximum weights; 20,000 pounds on any

1 single axle; 36,000 pounds on a series of axles greater  
2 than 72 inches but not more than 96 inches; and 34,000  
3 pounds on any series of axles greater than 40 inches but  
4 not more than 72 inches. The gross weight of this vehicle  
5 may not exceed the weights allowed by the bridge formula  
6 for 4 axles. The bridge formula does not apply to any  
7 series of 3 axles.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (1) From a Class I highway onto any street or highway

1 for a distance of one highway mile for the purpose of  
2 loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest,  
3 provided there is no sign prohibiting that access.

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

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

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

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

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

34 (Source: P.A. 92-417, eff. 1-1-02; 93-177, eff. 7-11-03;  
35 93-186, eff. 1-1-04; revised 1-22-04.)