

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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 15-107 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/15-107) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-107)

7 Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

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

10 (1) Semitrailers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (c) Except as provided in subsections (c-1) and (c-2),
18 combinations ~~Combinations~~ of vehicles may not exceed a total of
19 2 vehicles except the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 For purposes of this Section, a tow-dolly that merely
6 serves as substitute wheels for another legally licensed
7 vehicle is considered part of the licensed vehicle and not
8 a separate vehicle.

9 (7) Commercial vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,
10 provided the following:

11 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 65
12 feet.

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

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

18 (D) All vehicles must be properly equipped with
19 operating brakes and safety equipment required by this
20 Code.

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

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

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

27 (2) the overall wheel base of the combination of
28 vehicles does not exceed 62 feet.

29 (c-2) A combination of 3 vehicles is allowed access from
30 any State designated highway onto any county, township, or
31 municipal highway for a distance of 5 highway miles for the
32 purpose of delivery or collection of one or both of the towed
33 vehicles if:

34 (1) the length of neither towed vehicle exceeds 28.5
35 feet;

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

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

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

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

5 (d) On Class I highways there are no overall length
6 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations
7 provided:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when transporting
36 poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural

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

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

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

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

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

31 (e) On Class II highways there are no overall length
32 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations,
33 provided:

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

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

5 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination
6 may not exceed 65 feet in dimension from front axle to rear
7 axle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (2) From any State designated highway onto any county
36 or township highway for a distance of 5 highway miles or

1 onto any municipal highway for a distance of one highway
2 mile for the purpose of food, fuel, repairs, and rest,
3 provided:

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

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

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

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

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

17 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any State
18 highway or any locally designated highway for a distance of
19 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading, unloading,
20 food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

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

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

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

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

35 (2) Semitrailers, unladen or with load, may not exceed
36 53 feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

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

23 (3) A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle
24 or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the towing
25 vehicle meets the following conditions:

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

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

35 (C) It is capable of utilizing the lighting and
36 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination

1 of vehicles.

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

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

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

16 New Year's Day;
17 Memorial Day;
18 Independence Day;
19 Labor Day;
20 Thanksgiving Day; and
21 Christmas Day.

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

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

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

14 1. operated by or for any public body or motor carrier
15 authorized by law to provide public transportation
16 services; or

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

20 (j-1) (Blank).

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

24 (l) (Blank).

25 (Source: P.A. 92-417, eff. 1-1-02; 92-766, eff. 1-1-03; 92-883,
26 eff. 1-13-03; 93-177, eff. 7-11-03; 93-1023, eff. 8-25-04.)