

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 or truck
22 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer may not exceed 60 feet
23 overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 (2) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one converter
6 dolly or one semitrailer.

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

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

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

14 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 60
15 feet.

16 (B) The towing vehicle is a properly registered
17 vehicle capable of towing another vehicle using a
18 fifth-wheel type assembly.

19 (C) The second vehicle in the combination of
20 vehicles is a recreational vehicle that is towed by a
21 fifth-wheel assembly. This vehicle must be properly
22 registered and must be equipped with brakes,
23 regardless of weight.

24 (D) The third vehicle must be the lightest of the 3
25 vehicles and be a trailer or semitrailer designed or
26 used for transporting a boat, all-terrain vehicle,

1 personal watercraft, or motorcycle.

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

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

8 (6) A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle
9 or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the towing
10 vehicle:

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

20 (B) Is equipped with flashing, rotating, or
21 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet
22 in all directions.

23 (C) Is capable of utilizing the lighting and
24 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
25 of vehicles.

26 (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway

1 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement to
2 a place of repair. Any additional movement of the
3 vehicles may occur only upon issuance of authorization
4 for that movement under the provisions of Sections
5 15-301 through 15-319 of this Code.

6 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe
7 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a
8 tow truck towing another vehicle.

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

13 (7) Commercial vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,
14 provided the following:

15 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 65
16 feet.

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

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

22 (D) All vehicles must be properly equipped with
23 operating brakes and safety equipment required by this
24 Code.

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

1 (F) The combination of vehicles must be en route to
2 a location where new or used trailers are sold by an
3 Illinois or out-of-state licensed new or used trailer
4 dealer.

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

7 (1) the length of neither towed vehicle exceeds 28.5
8 feet;

9 (2) the overall wheel base of the combination of
10 vehicles does not exceed 62 feet; and

11 (3) the combination of vehicles is en route to a
12 location where new or used trailers are sold by an Illinois
13 or out-of-state licensed new or used trailer dealer.

14 (c-2) A combination of 3 vehicles is allowed access from
15 any State designated highway onto any county, township, or
16 municipal highway for a distance of 5 highway miles for the
17 purpose of delivery or collection of one or both of the towed
18 vehicles if:

19 (1) the length of neither towed vehicle exceeds 28.5
20 feet;

21 (2) the combination of vehicles does not exceed 40,000
22 pounds in gross weight and 8 feet 6 inches in width;

23 (3) there is no sign prohibiting that access;

24 (4) the route is not being used as a thoroughfare
25 between State designated highways; and

26 (5) the combination of vehicles is en route to a

1 location where new or used trailers are sold by an Illinois
2 or out-of-state licensed new or used trailer dealer.

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

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

8 (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center of
9 the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in
10 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet 6
11 inches. The limit contained in this paragraph (2) shall not
12 apply to trailers or semi-trailers used for the transport
13 of livestock as defined by Section 18b-101.

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

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

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

26 (6) Stinger steered semitrailer vehicles as defined in

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

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

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

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

1 load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

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

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

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

16 (e) On Class II 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 load,
20 in combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 53 feet
21 overall dimension.

22 (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center of
23 the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in
24 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet 6
25 inches. The limit contained in this paragraph (2) shall not
26 apply to trailers or semi-trailers used for the transport

1 of livestock as defined by Section 18b-101.

2 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
3 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may not exceed
4 65 feet in dimension from front axle to rear axle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 The length limitations described in this paragraph (e)

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

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

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

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

15 (A) The vehicle does not exceed 80,000 pounds in
16 gross weight and 8 feet 6 inches in width.

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

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

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

25 (A) The vehicle does not exceed 80,000 pounds in
26 gross weight and 8 feet 6 inches in width.

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

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

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

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

12 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any State
13 highway or any locally designated highway for a distance of
14 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading, unloading,
15 food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

16 (e-3) Combinations of vehicles over 65 feet in length
17 operated by household goods carriers, with no overall length
18 limitations except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of
19 this Section, have unlimited access to points of loading and
20 unloading.

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

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

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

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

6 (4) The distance between the kingpin and the center
7 axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in combination
8 with a truck tractor, may not exceed 42 feet 6 inches. The
9 limit contained in this paragraph (4) shall not apply to
10 trailers or semi-trailers used for the transport of
11 livestock as defined by Section 18b-101.

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

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

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

1 upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly
2 mark the dimensions of the load.

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

6 (A) It is specifically designed as a tow truck
7 having a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000
8 pounds and equipped with air brakes, provided that air
9 brakes are required only if the towing vehicle is
10 towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer
11 combination that is equipped with air brakes.

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

15 (C) It is capable of utilizing the lighting and
16 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
17 of vehicles.

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

20 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe
21 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a tow
22 truck towing another vehicle. The towing vehicle, however, may
23 tow any disabled vehicle from the initial point of wreck or
24 disablement to a point where repairs are actually to occur.
25 This movement shall be valid only on State routes. The tower
26 must abide by posted bridge weight limits.

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

6 New Year's Day;

7 Memorial Day;

8 Independence Day;

9 Labor Day;

10 Thanksgiving Day; and

11 Christmas Day.

12 (h) The load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the load
13 upon the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles, shall not
14 extend more than 3 feet beyond the front wheels of the vehicle
15 or the front bumper of the vehicle if it is equipped with a
16 front bumper. The provisions of this subsection (h) shall not
17 apply to any vehicle or combination of vehicles specifically
18 designed for the collection and transportation of waste,
19 garbage, or recyclable materials during the vehicle's
20 operation in the course of collecting garbage, waste, or
21 recyclable materials if the vehicle is traveling at a speed not
22 in excess of 15 miles per hour during the vehicle's operation
23 and in the course of collecting garbage, waste, or recyclable
24 materials. However, in no instance shall the load extend more
25 than 7 feet beyond the front wheels of the vehicle or the front
26 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. 96-34, eff. 1-1-10; 96-37, eff. 7-13-09; 96-1352,
26 eff. 7-28-10; 97-200, eff. 7-27-11.)