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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2579

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2579 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing 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.

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

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

5 (2) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
6 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer may not exceed 60 feet
7 overall dimension.

8 (3) Combinations specially designed to transport motor
9 vehicles or boats may not exceed 60 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 All other combinations not listed in this subsection (b)
7 may not exceed 60 feet overall dimension.

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

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

12 (2) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one converter
13 dolly or one semitrailer.

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

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

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

21 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 60
22 feet.

23 (B) The towing vehicle is a properly registered
24 vehicle capable of towing another vehicle using a
25 fifth-wheel type assembly.

26 (C) The second vehicle in the combination of

1 vehicles is a recreational vehicle that is towed by a
2 fifth-wheel assembly. This vehicle must be properly
3 registered and must be equipped with brakes,
4 regardless of weight.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (7) Commercial vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,
21 provided the following:

22 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 65
23 feet.

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

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

3 (D) All vehicles must be properly equipped with
4 operating brakes and safety equipment required by this
5 Code.

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

8 (F) The combination of vehicles must be en route to
9 a location where new or used trailers are sold by an
10 Illinois or out-of-state licensed new or used trailer
11 dealer.

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

14 (1) the length of neither towed vehicle exceeds 28.5
15 feet;

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

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

21 (c-2) A combination of 3 vehicles is allowed access from
22 any State designated highway onto any county, township, or
23 municipal highway for a distance of 5 highway miles for the
24 purpose of delivery or collection of one or both of the towed
25 vehicles if:

26 (1) the length of neither towed vehicle exceeds 28.5

1 feet;

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

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

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

7 (5) the combination of vehicles is en route to a
8 location where new or used trailers are sold by an Illinois
9 or out-of-state licensed new or used trailer dealer.

10 (d) On Class I highways there are no overall length
11 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations
12 provided:

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

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

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

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

1 (5) Combinations of vehicles specifically designed to
2 transport motor vehicles or boats may not exceed 65 feet
3 overall dimension. The length limitation is inclusive of
4 front and rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of the
5 transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of this
6 Section.

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

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

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

1 and Christmas Day.

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

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

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

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

23 (e) On Class II highways there are no overall length
24 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations,
25 provided:

26 (1) The length of a semitrailer, unladen or with load,

1 in combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 53 feet
2 overall dimension.

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

9 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
10 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may not exceed
11 65 feet in dimension from front axle to rear axle.

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

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

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

24 (7) Stinger steered semitrailer vehicles, as defined
25 in Chapter 1, specifically designed to transport motor
26 vehicles or boats, may not exceed 75 feet overall

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

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

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

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

26 A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle or

1 combination of disabled vehicles, as provided in paragraph (6)
2 of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length
3 limitations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any State
20 highway or any locally designated highway for a distance of
21 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading, unloading,
22 food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

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

1 unloading.

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

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

8 (2) Semitrailers, unladen or with load, may not exceed
9 53 feet overall dimension.

10 (3) No truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
11 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may exceed 60
12 feet extreme overall dimension.

13 (4) The distance between the kingpin and the center
14 axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in combination
15 with a truck tractor, may not exceed 42 feet 6 inches. The
16 limit contained in this paragraph (2) shall not apply to
17 trailers or semi-trailers used for the transport of
18 livestock as defined by Section 18b-101.

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

21 (1) Vehicles operated in the daytime, except on
22 Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays, when transporting
23 poles, pipe, machinery, or other objects of a structural
24 nature that cannot readily be dismembered, provided the
25 overall length of vehicle and load may not exceed 100 feet
26 and no object exceeding 80 feet in length may be

1 transported unless a permit has been obtained as authorized
2 in Section 15-301.

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

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

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

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

22 (C) It is capable of utilizing the lighting and
23 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
24 of vehicles.

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

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

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

13 New Year's Day;

14 Memorial Day;

15 Independence Day;

16 Labor Day;

17 Thanksgiving Day; and

18 Christmas Day.

19 (h) The load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the load
20 upon the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles, shall not
21 extend more than 3 feet beyond the front wheels of the vehicle
22 or the front bumper of the vehicle if it is equipped with a
23 front bumper. The provisions of this subsection (h) shall not
24 apply to any vehicle or combination of vehicles specifically
25 designed for the collection and transportation of waste,
26 garbage, or recyclable materials during the vehicle's

1 operation in the course of collecting garbage, waste, or
2 recyclable materials if the vehicle is traveling at a speed not
3 in excess of 15 miles per hour during the vehicle's operation
4 and in the course of collecting garbage, waste, or recyclable
5 materials. However, in no instance shall the load extend more
6 than 7 feet beyond the front wheels of the vehicle or the front
7 bumper of the vehicle if it is equipped with a front bumper.

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

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

21 1. operated by or for any public body or motor carrier
22 authorized by law to provide public transportation
23 services; or

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

1 (j-1) (Blank).

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

5 (l) (Blank).

6 (Source: P.A. 96-34, eff. 1-1-10; 96-37, eff. 7-13-09; 96-1352,
7 eff. 7-28-10; 97-200, eff. 7-27-11.)".