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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3574

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 3574 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 15-111 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) No vehicle or combination of vehicles with pneumatic  
9 tires may be operated, unladen or with load, when the total  
10 weight on the road surface exceeds the following: 20,000 pounds  
11 on a single axle; 34,000 pounds on a tandem axle with no axle  
12 within the tandem exceeding 20,000 pounds; 80,000 pounds gross  
13 weight for vehicle combinations of 5 or more axles; or a total  
14 weight on a group of 2 or more consecutive axles in excess of  
15 that weight produced by the application of the following  
16 formula:  $W = 500 \text{ times the sum of } (LN \text{ divided by } N-1) + 12N +$

1 36, where "W" equals overall total weight on any group of 2 or  
 2 more consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds, "L" equals  
 3 the distance measured to the nearest foot between extremes of  
 4 any group of 2 or more consecutive axles, and "N" equals the  
 5 number 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	Maximum weight in pounds				
9	to the nearest	of any group of				
10	foot between the	2 or more consecutive axles				
11	extremes of any					
12	group of 2 or					
13	more consecutive					
14	axles					
15	feet	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles
16	4	34,000				
17	5	34,000				
18	6	34,000				
19	7	34,000				
20	8	38,000*	42,000			
21	9	39,000	42,500			
22	10	40,000	43,500			
23	11		44,000			
24	12		45,000	50,000		
25	13		45,500	50,500		

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

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

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

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

26 Vehicles in a combination having more than 6 axles may not

1 exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (a) for 6  
2 axles measured between the extreme axles of the combination.

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

12 The following are exceptions to the above formula:

13 (1) Vehicles for which a different limit is established  
14 and posted in accordance with Section 15-316 of this Code.

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

19 (3) Cities having a population of more than 50,000 may  
20 permit by ordinance axle loads on 2 axle motor vehicles 33  
21 1/2% above those provided for herein, but the increase  
22 shall not become effective until the city has officially  
23 notified the Department of the passage of the ordinance and  
24 shall not apply to those vehicles when outside of the  
25 limits of the city, nor shall the gross weight of any 2  
26 axle motor vehicle operating over any street of the city

1 exceed 40,000 pounds.

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

6 (5) Two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a  
7 total weight of 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance  
8 between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of  
9 tandem axles is 36 feet or more, notwithstanding the lower  
10 limit resulting from the application of the above formula.

11 (6) A truck, not in combination and used exclusively  
12 for the collection of rendering materials, may, when laden,  
13 transmit upon the road surface, except when on part of the  
14 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, the  
15 following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle;  
16 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle.

17 (7) A truck not in combination, equipped with a self  
18 compactor or an industrial roll-off hoist and roll-off  
19 container, used exclusively for garbage, refuse, or  
20 recycling operations, may, when laden, transmit upon the  
21 road surface, except when on part of the National System of  
22 Interstate and Defense Highways, the following maximum  
23 weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a  
24 tandem axle; 40,000 pounds gross weight on a 2-axle  
25 vehicle; 54,000 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle.  
26 This vehicle is not subject to the bridge formula.

1           (7.5) A 3-axle rear discharge truck mixer registered as  
2 a Special Hauling Vehicle, used exclusively for the mixing  
3 and transportation of concrete in the plastic state, may,  
4 when laden, transmit upon the road surface, except when on  
5 part of the National System of Interstate and Defense  
6 Highways, the following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on  
7 single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle; 54,000 pounds  
8 gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle. This vehicle is not  
9 subject to the bridge formula.

10           (8) Except as provided in paragraph (7.5) of this  
11 subsection (a), tandem axles on a 3-axle truck registered  
12 as a Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in  
13 the model year of 2024 and first registered in Illinois  
14 prior to January 1, 2025, with a distance greater than 72  
15 inches but not more than 96 inches between any series of 2  
16 axles, is allowed a combined weight on the series not to  
17 exceed 36,000 pounds and neither axle of the series may  
18 exceed 20,000 pounds. Any vehicle of this type manufactured  
19 after the model year of 2024 or first registered in  
20 Illinois after December 31, 2024 may not exceed a combined  
21 weight of 34,000 pounds through the series of 2 axles and  
22 neither axle of the series may exceed 20,000 pounds.

23           A 3-axle combination sewer cleaning jetting vacuum  
24 truck registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle, used  
25 exclusively for the transportation of non-hazardous solid  
26 waste, manufactured before or in the model year of 2014,

1 first registered in Illinois before January 1, 2015, may,  
2 when laden, transmit upon the road surface, except when on  
3 part of the National System of Interstate and Defense  
4 Highways, the following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on a  
5 single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle; 54,000 pounds  
6 gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle. This vehicle is not  
7 subject to the bridge formula.

8 (9) A 4-axle truck mixer registered as a Special  
9 Hauling Vehicle, used exclusively for the mixing and  
10 transportation of concrete in the plastic state, ~~2024-2025~~  
11 and not operated on a highway that is part of the National  
12 System of Interstate Highways, is allowed the following  
13 maximum weights: 20,000 pounds on any single axle; 36,000  
14 pounds on a series of axles greater than 72 inches but not  
15 more than 96 inches; and 34,000 pounds on any series of 2  
16 axles greater than 40 inches but not more than 72 inches.  
17 The gross weight of this vehicle may not exceed the weights  
18 allowed by the bridge formula for 4 axles. The bridge  
19 formula does not apply to any series of 3 axles while the  
20 vehicle is transporting concrete in the plastic state, but  
21 no axle or tandem axle of the series may exceed the maximum  
22 weight permitted under this paragraph (9) of subsection  
23 (a).

24 (10) Combinations of vehicles, registered as Special  
25 Hauling Vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured  
26 prior to or in the model year of 2024, and registered in



1 Illinois prior to January 1, 2025, having 5 axles with a  
2 distance of 42 feet or less between extreme axles, may not  
3 exceed the following maximum weights: 20,000 pounds on a  
4 single axle; 34,000 pounds on a tandem axle; and 72,000  
5 pounds gross weight. This combination of vehicles is not  
6 subject to the bridge formula. For all those combinations  
7 of vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured after  
8 the effective date of P.A. 92-0417, the overall distance  
9 between the first and last axles of the 2 sets of tandems  
10 must be 18 feet 6 inches or more. Any combination of  
11 vehicles that has had its cargo container replaced in its  
12 entirety after December 31, 2024 may not exceed the weights  
13 allowed by the bridge formula.

14 (11) The maximum weight allowed on a vehicle with  
15 crawler type tracks is 40,000 pounds.

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

1 (i) is specifically designed as a tow truck having  
2 a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000 pounds  
3 and is equipped with air brakes, provided that air  
4 brakes are required only if the towing vehicle is  
5 towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer  
6 combination that is equipped with air brakes;

7 (ii) is equipped with flashing, rotating, or  
8 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet  
9 in all directions;

10 (iii) is capable of utilizing the lighting and  
11 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination  
12 of vehicles; and

13 (iv) does not engage in a tow exceeding 20 miles  
14 from the initial point of wreck or disablement. Any  
15 additional movement of the vehicles may occur only upon  
16 issuance of authorization for that movement under the  
17 provisions of Sections 15-301 through 15-319 of this  
18 Code. The towing vehicle, however, may tow any disabled  
19 vehicle to a point where repairs are actually to occur.  
20 This movement shall be valid only on State routes. The  
21 tower must abide by posted bridge weight limits.

22 Gross weight limits shall not apply to the combination of  
23 the tow truck and vehicles being towed. The tow truck license  
24 plate must cover the operating empty weight of the tow truck  
25 only. The weight of each vehicle being towed shall be covered  
26 by a valid license plate issued to the owner or operator of the

1 vehicle being towed and displayed on that vehicle. If no valid  
2 plate issued to the owner or operator of that vehicle is  
3 displayed on that vehicle, or the plate displayed on that  
4 vehicle does not cover the weight of the vehicle, the weight of  
5 the vehicle shall be covered by the third tow truck plate  
6 issued to the owner or operator of the tow truck and  
7 temporarily affixed to the vehicle being towed. If a roll-back  
8 carrier is registered and being used as a tow truck, however,  
9 the license plate or plates for the tow truck must cover the  
10 gross vehicle weight, including any load carried on the bed of  
11 the roll-back carrier.

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

21 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight  
22 rating, or GVWR, means the value specified by the manufacturer  
23 as the loaded weight of the tow truck.

24 (b) As used in this Section, "recycling haul" or "recycling  
25 operation" means the hauling of non-hazardous, non-special,  
26 non-putrescible materials, such as paper, glass, cans, or

1 plastic, for subsequent use in the secondary materials market.

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

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

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

18 (f) The Department upon request from any local authority  
19 shall, or upon its own initiative may, conduct an investigation  
20 of any bridge or other elevated structure constituting a part  
21 of a highway, and if it finds that the structure cannot with  
22 safety to itself withstand the weight of vehicles otherwise  
23 permissible under this Code the Department shall determine and  
24 declare the maximum weight of vehicles that the structures can  
25 withstand, and shall cause or permit suitable signs stating  
26 maximum weight to be erected and maintained before each end of

1 the structure. No person shall operate a vehicle or combination  
2 of vehicles over any structure with a gross weight that is  
3 greater than the posted maximum weight.

4 (g) Upon the trial of any person charged with a violation  
5 of subsection (e) or (f) of this Section, proof of the  
6 determination of the maximum allowable weight by the Department  
7 and the existence of the signs, constitutes conclusive evidence  
8 of the maximum weight that can be maintained with safety to the  
9 bridge or structure.

10 (h) The weight limitations of this Section are increased by  
11 2,000 pounds for vehicles that use natural gas as a motor fuel.

12 (Source: P.A. 97-201, eff. 1-1-12; 98-409, eff. 1-1-14; 98-410,  
13 eff. 8-16-13; revised 9-19-13.)".