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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 6093

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 6093 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Sections 1-198, 1-212, 15-107, 15-101, 15-111,
6 15-112, 15-301, and by adding Sections 1-105.2a, 1-105.7,
7 1-112.8, 1-205.02, and 1-209.1 as follows:

8 (625 ILCS 5/1-105.2a new)

9 Sec. 1-105.2a. Automobile transporter. Any vehicle
10 combination designed and used for the transport of assembled
11 vehicles, including truck camper units, and includes its use
12 when transporting other cargo or general freight on a backhaul
13 while in compliance with the weight limitations for a truck
14 tractor and semitrailer combination.

15 (625 ILCS 5/1-105.7 new)

1 Sec. 1-105.7. Backhaul. The return trip of a vehicle
2 transporting cargo or general freight, especially when
3 carrying goods back over all or part of the same route.

4 (625 ILCS 5/1-112.8 new)

5 Sec. 1-112.8. Covered heavy duty tow and recovery vehicle.
6 A vehicle transporting a disabled vehicle from the place where
7 the vehicle became disabled to the nearest repair facility,
8 having a gross weight that is equal to or exceeds the gross
9 vehicle weight of the disabled vehicle being transported.

10 (625 ILCS 5/1-198) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-198)

11 Sec. 1-198. Stinger-steered semitrailer.

12 Every semitrailer, including automobile transporters,
13 which has its kingpin on a projection to the front of the
14 structure of such semitrailer and is combined with the 5th
15 wheel of the truck tractor at a point not less than two feet to
16 the rear of the center of the rearmost axle of such tractor.

17 (Source: P.A. 76-1586.)

18 (625 ILCS 5/1-205.02 new)

19 Sec. 1-205.02. Towaway trailer transporter combination. A
20 combination of vehicles consisting of a trailer transporter
21 towing unit and two trailers or semitrailers with a total
22 weight that does not exceed 26,000 pounds, and in which the
23 trailers or semitrailers carry no property and constitute

1 inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of
2 such trailers or semitrailers.

3 (625 ILCS 5/1-209.1 new)

4 Sec. 1-209.1. Trailer transporter towing unit. A power unit
5 that is not used to carry property when operating in a towaway
6 trailer transporter combination.

7 (625 ILCS 5/1-212) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-212)

8 Sec. 1-212. Truck tractor.

9 Every motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing
10 other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other
11 than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load so drawn, or a
12 power unit that carries as property motor vehicles when
13 operating in combination with a semitrailer in transporting
14 motor vehicles or any other commodity, including cargo or
15 general freight, on a backhaul.

16 (Source: P.A. 76-1586.)

17 (625 ILCS 5/15-101) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-101)

18 Sec. 15-101. Scope and effect of Chapter 15.

19 (a) It is unlawful for any person to drive or move on, upon
20 or across or for the owner to cause or knowingly permit to be
21 driven or moved on, upon or across any highway any vehicle or
22 vehicles of a size and weight exceeding the limitations stated
23 in this Chapter or otherwise in violation of this Chapter, and

1 the maximum size and weight of vehicles herein specified shall
2 be lawful throughout this State, and local authorities shall
3 have no power or authority to alter such limitations except as
4 express authority may be granted in this Chapter.

5 (b) The provisions of this Chapter governing size, weight,
6 and load do not apply to ~~fire apparatus or~~ equipment for snow
7 and ice removal operations owned or operated by any
8 governmental body, or to implements of husbandry, as defined in
9 Chapter 1 of this Code, temporarily operated or towed in a
10 combination upon a highway provided such combination does not
11 consist of more than 3 vehicles or, in the case of hauling
12 fresh, perishable fruits or vegetables from farm to the point
13 of first processing, not more than 3 wagons being towed by an
14 implement of husbandry, or to a vehicle operated under the
15 terms of a special permit issued hereunder. The provisions of
16 this Chapter governing size and load do not apply to fire
17 apparatus.

18 (c) The provisions of this Chapter governing size, weight,
19 and load do not apply to any snow and ice removal equipment
20 that is no more than 12 feet in width, if the equipment
21 displays flags at least 18 inches square mounted on the
22 driver's side of the snow plow.

23 These vehicles must be equipped with an illuminated
24 rotating, oscillating, or flashing amber light or lights, or a
25 flashing amber strobe light or lights, mounted on the top of
26 the cab and of sufficient intensity to be visible at 500 feet

1 in normal sunlight. If the load on the transport vehicle blocks
2 the visibility of the amber lighting from the rear of the
3 vehicle, the vehicle must also be equipped with an illuminated
4 rotating, oscillating, or flashing amber light or lights, or a
5 flashing amber strobe light or lights, mounted on the rear of
6 the load and of sufficient intensity to be visible at 500 feet
7 in normal sunlight.

8 (Source: P.A. 94-270, eff. 1-1-06.)

9 (625 ILCS 5/15-107) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-107)

10 Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

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

13 (1) Semitrailers.

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

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

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

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

24 (2) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
25 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer may not exceed 60 feet

1 overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

26 All other combinations not listed in this subsection (b)

1 may not exceed 60 feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (D) The third vehicle must be the lightest of the 3
26 vehicles and be a trailer or semitrailer designed or

1 used for transporting a boat, all-terrain vehicle,
2 personal watercraft, or motorcycle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway
2 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement to
3 a place of repair. Any additional movement of the
4 vehicles may occur only upon issuance of authorization
5 for that movement under the provisions of Sections
6 15-301 through 15-319 of this Code.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (E) The combination of vehicles must be operated by

1 a person who holds a commercial driver's license (CDL).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (6) Stinger steered semitrailer vehicles ~~as defined in~~
2 ~~Chapter 1,~~ specifically designed to transport motor
3 vehicles or boats and automobile transporters, as defined
4 in Chapter 1, may not exceed 80 ~~75~~ feet overall dimension.
5 The length limitation is inclusive of front and rear
6 bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of the transported
7 vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of this Section.

8 (7) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled
9 together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed 97
10 ~~75~~ feet overall dimension.

11 (8) A towaway trailer transporter combination may not
12 exceed 82 feet overall dimension.

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

24 Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en
25 route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities or
26 properties are exempt from length limitations, provided that

1 during night operations every vehicle and its load must be
2 equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both
3 sides and marker lamps on the extreme ends of any projecting
4 load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

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

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

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

19 (e) On Class II highways there are no overall length
20 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations,
21 provided:

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

25 (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center of
26 the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in

1 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet 6
2 inches. The limit contained in this paragraph (2) shall not
3 apply to trailers or semi-trailers used for the transport
4 of livestock as defined by Section 18b-101.

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

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

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

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

20 (7) Stinger steered semitrailer vehicles, ~~as defined~~
21 ~~in Chapter 1,~~ specifically designed to transport motor
22 vehicles or boats, may not exceed 80 ~~75~~ feet overall
23 dimension. The length limitation is inclusive of front and
24 rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of the
25 transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of this
26 Section.

1 (8) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled
2 together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed 97
3 ~~75~~ feet overall dimension.

4 (9) A towaway trailer transporter combination may not
5 exceed 82 feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

1 limitations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (2) From any State designated highway onto any county
26 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 80,000 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 or towaway trailer
23 transporter combinations, with no overall length limitations
24 except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of this Section,
25 have unlimited access to points of loading, ~~and~~ unloading, or
26 delivery to or from a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 in Section 15-301.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe

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

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

12 New Year's Day;

13 Memorial Day;

14 Independence Day;

15 Labor Day;

16 Thanksgiving Day; and

17 Christmas Day.

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

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

7 (i) The load upon the front vehicle of an automobile
8 transporter or a stinger-steered vehicle ~~a combination of~~
9 ~~vehicles~~ specifically designed to transport motor vehicles
10 shall not extend more than 4 ~~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 6 ~~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; 97-883, eff. 1-1-13.)

8 (625 ILCS 5/15-111) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-111)

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

10 (a) No vehicle or combination of vehicles with pneumatic
11 tires may be operated, unladen or with load, when the total
12 weight on the road surface exceeds the following: 20,000 pounds
13 on a single axle; 34,000 pounds on a tandem axle with no axle
14 within the tandem exceeding 20,000 pounds; 80,000 pounds gross
15 weight for vehicle combinations of 5 or more axles; or a total
16 weight on a group of 2 or more consecutive axles in excess of
17 that weight produced by the application of the following
18 formula: $W = 500 \text{ times the sum of } (LN \text{ divided by } N-1) + 12N +$
19 36 , where "W" equals overall total weight on any group of 2 or
20 more consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds, "L" equals
21 the distance measured to the nearest foot between extremes of
22 any group of 2 or more consecutive axles, and "N" equals the
23 number of axles in the group under consideration.

24 The above formula when expressed in tabular form results in
25 allowable loads as follows:

		Maximum weight in pounds				
		of any group of				
		2 or more consecutive axles				
1	Distance measured					
2	to the nearest					
3	foot between the					
4	extremes of any	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles
5	group of 2 or					
6	more consecutive					
7	axles					
8	feet					
9	4	34,000				
10	5	34,000				
11	6	34,000				
12	7	34,000				
13	8	38,000*	42,000			
14	9	39,000	42,500			
15	10	40,000	43,500			
16	11		44,000			
17	12		45,000	50,000		
18	13		45,500	50,500		
19	14		46,500	51,500		
20	15		47,000	52,000		
21	16		48,000	52,500	58,000	
22	17		48,500	53,500	58,500	
23	18		49,500	54,000	59,000	
24	19		50,000	54,500	60,000	
25	20		51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000

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

1	47	73,500	77,500
2	48	74,000	78,000
3	49	74,500	78,500
4	50	75,500	79,000
5	51	76,000	80,000
6	52	76,500	
7	53	77,500	
8	54	78,000	
9	55	78,500	
10	56	79,500	
11	57	80,000	

12 *If the distance between 2 axles is 96 inches or less, the 2
13 axles are tandem axles and the maximum total weight may not
14 exceed 34,000 pounds, notwithstanding the higher limit
15 resulting from the application of the formula.

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

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

22 Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways
23 under their jurisdiction, without additional fees, may also by
24 ordinance or resolution allow the weight limitations of this
25 subsection, provided the maximum gross weight on any one axle
26 shall not exceed 20,000 pounds and the maximum total weight on

1 any tandem axle shall not exceed 34,000 pounds, on designated
2 highways when appropriate regulatory signs giving notice are
3 erected upon the street or highway or portion of any street or
4 highway affected by the ordinance or resolution.

5 The following are exceptions to the above formula:

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

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

12 (3) Cities having a population of more than 50,000 may
13 permit by ordinance axle loads on 2-axle motor vehicles 33
14 1/2% above those provided for herein, but the increase
15 shall not become effective until the city has officially
16 notified the Department of the passage of the ordinance and
17 shall not apply to those vehicles when outside of the
18 limits of the city, nor shall the gross weight of any
19 2-axle motor vehicle operating over any street of the city
20 exceed 40,000 pounds.

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

25 (4.5) A 3-axle or 4-axle vehicle (including when laden)
26 operated or hired by a municipality within Cook, Lake,

1 McHenry, Kane, DuPage, or Will county being operated for
2 the purpose of performing emergency sewer repair that would
3 be subject to a weight limitation less than 66,000 pounds
4 under the formula in this subsection (a) shall have a
5 weight limitation of 66,000 pounds or the vehicle's gross
6 vehicle weight rating, whichever is less. This paragraph
7 (4.5) does not apply to vehicles being operated on the
8 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, or to
9 vehicles being operated on bridges or other elevated
10 structures constituting a part of a highway.

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

16 (6) A truck, not in combination and used exclusively
17 for the collection of rendering materials, may, when laden,
18 transmit upon the road surface, except when on part of the
19 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, the
20 following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle;
21 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle.

22 (7) A truck not in combination, equipped with a self
23 compactor or an industrial roll-off hoist and roll-off
24 container, used exclusively for garbage, refuse, or
25 recycling operations, may, when laden, transmit upon the
26 road surface, except when on part of the National System of

1 Interstate and Defense Highways, the following maximum
2 weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a
3 tandem axle; 40,000 pounds gross weight on a 2-axle
4 vehicle; 54,000 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle.
5 This vehicle is not subject to the bridge formula.

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

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

1 neither axle of the series may exceed 20,000 pounds.

2 A 3-axle combination sewer cleaning jetting vacuum
3 truck registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle, used
4 exclusively for the transportation of non-hazardous solid
5 waste, manufactured before or in the model year of 2014,
6 first registered in Illinois before January 1, 2015, may,
7 when laden, transmit upon the road surface, except when on
8 part of the National System of Interstate and Defense
9 Highways, the following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on a
10 single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle; 54,000 pounds
11 gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle. This vehicle is not
12 subject to the bridge formula.

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

1 weight permitted under this paragraph (9) of subsection
2 (a).

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

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

21 (12) A combination of vehicles, including a tow truck
22 and a disabled vehicle or disabled combination of vehicles,
23 that exceeds the weight restriction imposed by this Code,
24 may be operated on a public highway in this State provided
25 that neither the disabled vehicle nor any vehicle being
26 towed nor the tow truck itself shall exceed the weight

1 limitations permitted under this Chapter. During the
2 towing operation, neither the tow truck nor the vehicle
3 combination shall exceed 24,000 pounds on a single rear
4 axle and 44,000 pounds on a tandem rear axle, provided the
5 towing vehicle:

6 (i) is specifically designed as a tow truck having
7 a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000 pounds
8 and is 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 (ii) is equipped with flashing, rotating, or
13 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet
14 in all directions;

15 (iii) is capable of utilizing the lighting and
16 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
17 of vehicles; and

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

1 (12.5) The vehicle weight limitations in this Section
2 do not apply to a covered heavy duty tow and recovery
3 vehicle. The covered heavy duty tow and recovery vehicle
4 license plate must cover the operating empty weight of the
5 covered heavy duty tow and recovery vehicle only.

6 (13) Upon and during a declaration of an emergency
7 propane supply disaster by the Governor under Section 7 of
8 the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act:

9 (i) a truck not in combination, equipped with a
10 cargo tank, used exclusively for the transportation of
11 propane or liquefied petroleum gas may, when laden,
12 transmit upon the road surface, except when on part of
13 the National System of Interstate and Defense
14 Highways, the following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds
15 on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle;
16 40,000 pounds gross weight on a 2-axle vehicle; 54,000
17 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle; and

18 (ii) a truck when in combination with a trailer
19 equipped with a cargo tank used exclusively for the
20 transportation of propane or liquefied petroleum gas
21 may, when laden, transmit upon the road surface, except
22 when on part of the National System of Interstate and
23 Defense Highways, the following maximum weights:
24 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a
25 tandem axle; 90,000 pounds gross weight on a 5-axle or
26 6-axle vehicle.

1 Vehicles operating under this paragraph (13) are not
2 subject to the bridge formula.

3 (14) A vehicle or combination of vehicles that uses
4 natural gas or propane gas as a motor fuel may exceed the
5 above weight limitations by up to 2,000 pounds, the total
6 allowance is calculated by an amount that is equal to the
7 difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable
8 to the natural gas or propane gas tank and fueling system
9 carried by the vehicle, and the weight of a comparable
10 diesel tank and fueling system ~~except on interstate~~
11 ~~highways as defined by Section 1-133.1 of this Code.~~ This
12 paragraph (14) shall not allow a vehicle to exceed any
13 posted weight limit on a highway or structure.

14 (15) An emergency vehicle that is a vehicle designed to
15 be used under emergency conditions to transport personnel
16 and equipment, and used to support the suppression of fires
17 and mitigation of other hazardous situations, may not
18 exceed 86,000 pounds gross weight, or any of the following
19 weight allowances:

20 (i) 24,000 pounds on a single steering axle;

21 (ii) 33,500 pounds on a single drive axle;

22 (iii) 62,000 pounds on a tandem axle; or

23 (iv) 52,000 pounds on a tandem rear drive steer
24 axle.

25 (16) A bus, motor coach, or recreational vehicle may
26 carry a total weight of 24,000 pounds on a single axle, but

1 may not exceed other weight provisions of this Section.

2 Gross weight limits shall not apply to the combination of
3 the tow truck and vehicles being towed. The tow truck license
4 plate must cover the operating empty weight of the tow truck
5 only. The weight of each vehicle being towed shall be covered
6 by a valid license plate issued to the owner or operator of the
7 vehicle being towed and displayed on that vehicle. If no valid
8 plate issued to the owner or operator of that vehicle is
9 displayed on that vehicle, or the plate displayed on that
10 vehicle does not cover the weight of the vehicle, the weight of
11 the vehicle shall be covered by the third tow truck plate
12 issued to the owner or operator of the tow truck and
13 temporarily affixed to the vehicle being towed. If a roll-back
14 carrier is registered and being used as a tow truck, however,
15 the license plate or plates for the tow truck must cover the
16 gross vehicle weight, including any load carried on the bed of
17 the roll-back carrier.

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

1 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight
2 rating, or GVWR, means the value specified by the manufacturer
3 as the loaded weight of the tow truck.

4 (b) As used in this Section, "recycling haul" or "recycling
5 operation" means the hauling of non-hazardous, non-special,
6 non-putrescible materials, such as paper, glass, cans, or
7 plastic, for subsequent use in the secondary materials market.

8 (c) No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with
9 pneumatic tires shall be operated, unladen or with load, upon
10 the highways of this State in violation of the provisions of
11 any permit issued under the provisions of Sections 15-301
12 through 15-319 of this Chapter.

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

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

24 (f) The Department upon request from any local authority
25 shall, or upon its own initiative may, conduct an investigation
26 of any bridge or other elevated structure constituting a part

1 of a highway, and if it finds that the structure cannot with
2 safety to itself withstand the weight of vehicles otherwise
3 permissible under this Code the Department shall determine and
4 declare the maximum weight of vehicles that the structures can
5 withstand, and shall cause or permit suitable signs stating
6 maximum weight to be erected and maintained before each end of
7 the structure. No person shall operate a vehicle or combination
8 of vehicles over any structure with a gross weight that is
9 greater than the posted maximum weight.

10 (g) Upon the trial of any person charged with a violation
11 of subsection (e) or (f) of this Section, proof of the
12 determination of the maximum allowable weight by the Department
13 and the existence of the signs, constitutes conclusive evidence
14 of the maximum weight that can be maintained with safety to the
15 bridge or structure.

16 (Source: P.A. 98-409, eff. 1-1-14; 98-410, eff. 8-16-13;
17 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 98-942, eff. 1-1-15; 98-956, eff. 1-1-15;
18 98-1029, eff. 1-1-15; 99-78, eff. 7-20-15.)

19 (625 ILCS 5/15-112) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-112)

20 Sec. 15-112. Officers to weigh vehicles and require removal
21 of excess loads.

22 (a) Any police officer having reason to believe that the
23 weight of a vehicle and load is unlawful shall require the
24 driver to stop and submit to a weighing of the same either by
25 means of a portable or stationary scales that have been tested

1 and approved at a frequency prescribed by the Illinois
2 Department of Agriculture, or for those scales operated by the
3 State, when such tests are requested by the Department of State
4 Police, whichever is more frequent. If such scales are not
5 available at the place where such vehicle is stopped, the
6 police officer shall require that such vehicle be driven to the
7 nearest available scale that has been tested and approved
8 pursuant to this Section by the Illinois Department of
9 Agriculture. Notwithstanding any provisions of the Weights and
10 Measures Act or the United States Department of Commerce NIST
11 handbook 44, multi or single draft weighing is an acceptable
12 method of weighing by law enforcement for determining a
13 violation of Chapter 3 or 15 of this Code. Law enforcement is
14 exempt from the requirements of commercial weighing
15 established in NIST handbook 44.

16 Within 18 months after the effective date of this
17 amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly, all municipal and
18 county officers, technicians, and employees who set up and
19 operate portable scales for wheel load or axle load or both and
20 issue citations based on the use of portable scales for wheel
21 load or axle load or both and who have not successfully
22 completed initial classroom and field training regarding the
23 set up and operation of portable scales, shall attend and
24 successfully complete initial classroom and field training
25 administered by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training
26 Standards Board.

1 (b) Whenever an officer, upon weighing a vehicle and the
2 load, determines that the weight is unlawful, such officer
3 shall require the driver to stop the vehicle in a suitable
4 place and remain standing until such portion of the load is
5 removed as may be necessary to reduce the weight of the vehicle
6 to the limit permitted under this Chapter, or to the limit
7 permitted under the terms of a permit issued pursuant to
8 Sections 15-301 through 15-318 and shall forthwith arrest the
9 driver or owner. All material so unloaded shall be cared for by
10 the owner or operator of the vehicle at the risk of such owner
11 or operator; however, whenever a 3 or 4 axle vehicle with a
12 tandem axle dimension greater than 72 inches, but less than 96
13 inches and registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle is
14 transporting asphalt or concrete in the plastic state that
15 exceeds axle weight or gross weight limits by less than 4,000
16 pounds, the owner or operator of the vehicle shall accept the
17 arrest ticket or tickets for the alleged violations under this
18 Section and proceed without shifting or reducing the load being
19 transported or may shift or reduce the load under the
20 provisions of subsection (d) or (e) of this Section, when
21 applicable. Any fine imposed following an overweight violation
22 by a vehicle registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle
23 transporting asphalt or concrete in the plastic state shall be
24 paid as provided in subsection 4 of paragraph (a) of Section
25 16-105 of this Code.

26 (c) The Department of Transportation may, at the request of

1 the Department of State Police, erect appropriate regulatory
2 signs on any State highway directing second division vehicles
3 to a scale. The Department of Transportation may also, at the
4 direction of any State Police officer, erect portable
5 regulating signs on any highway directing second division
6 vehicles to a portable scale. Every such vehicle, pursuant to
7 such sign, shall stop and be weighed.

8 (d) Whenever any axle load of a vehicle exceeds the axle or
9 tandem axle weight limits permitted by paragraph (a) of Section
10 15-111 by 2000 pounds or less, the owner or operator of the
11 vehicle must shift or remove the excess so as to comply with
12 paragraph (a) of Section 15-111. No overweight arrest ticket
13 shall be issued to the owner or operator of the vehicle by any
14 officer if the excess weight is shifted or removed as required
15 by this paragraph.

16 (e) Whenever the gross weight of a vehicle with a
17 registered gross weight of 77,000 pounds or less exceeds the
18 weight limits of paragraph (a) of Section 15-111 of this
19 Chapter by 2000 pounds or less, the owner or operator of the
20 vehicle must remove the excess. Whenever the gross weight of a
21 vehicle with a registered gross weight over 77,000 pounds or
22 more exceeds the weight limits of paragraph (a) of Section
23 15-111 by 1,000 pounds or less or 2,000 pounds or less if
24 weighed on wheel load weighers, the owner or operator of the
25 vehicle must remove the excess. In either case no arrest ticket
26 for any overweight violation of this Code shall be issued to

1 the owner or operator of the vehicle by any officer if the
2 excess weight is removed as required by this paragraph. A
3 person who has been granted a special permit under Section
4 15-301 of this Code shall not be granted a tolerance on wheel
5 load weighers.

6 (e-5) Auxiliary power or idle reduction unit (APU) weight.

7 (1) A vehicle with a fully functional APU shall be
8 allowed an additional 550 ~~400~~ pounds or the certified unit
9 weight, whichever is less. The additional pounds may be
10 allowed in gross, axles, or bridge formula weight limits
11 above the legal weight limits except when overweight on an
12 axle or axles of the towed unit or units in combination.
13 This tolerance shall be given in addition to the limits in
14 subsection (d) of this Section.

15 (2) An operator of a vehicle equipped with an APU shall
16 carry written certification showing the weight of the APU,
17 which shall be displayed upon the request of any law
18 enforcement officer.

19 (3) The operator may be required to demonstrate or
20 certify that the APU is fully functional at all times.

21 (4) This allowance may not be granted above the weight
22 limits specified on any loads permitted under Section
23 15-301 of this Code.

24 (f) Whenever an axle load of a vehicle exceeds axle weight
25 limits allowed by the provisions of a permit an arrest ticket
26 shall be issued, but the owner or operator of the vehicle may

1 shift the load so as to comply with the provisions of the
2 permit. Where such shifting of a load to comply with the permit
3 is accomplished, the owner or operator of the vehicle may then
4 proceed.

5 (g) Any driver of a vehicle who refuses to stop and submit
6 his vehicle and load to weighing after being directed to do so
7 by an officer or removes or causes the removal of the load or
8 part of it prior to weighing is guilty of a business offense
9 and shall be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,000.

10 (Source: P.A. 96-34, eff. 1-1-10; 97-201, eff. 1-1-12.)

11 (625 ILCS 5/15-301) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-301)
12 Sec. 15-301. Permits for excess size and weight.

13 (a) The Department with respect to highways under its
14 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways
15 under their jurisdiction may, in their discretion, upon
16 application and good cause being shown therefor, issue a
17 special permit authorizing the applicant to operate or move a
18 vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of
19 vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this Act or
20 otherwise not in conformity with this Act upon any highway
21 under the jurisdiction of the party granting such permit and
22 for the maintenance of which the party is responsible.
23 Applications and permits other than those in written or printed
24 form may only be accepted from and issued to the company or
25 individual making the movement. Except for an application to

1 move directly across a highway, it shall be the duty of the
2 applicant to establish in the application that the load to be
3 moved by such vehicle or combination cannot reasonably be
4 dismantled or disassembled, the reasonableness of which shall
5 be determined by the Secretary of the Department. For the
6 purpose of over length movements, more than one object may be
7 carried side by side as long as the height, width, and weight
8 laws are not exceeded and the cause for the over length is not
9 due to multiple objects. For the purpose of over height
10 movements, more than one object may be carried as long as the
11 cause for the over height is not due to multiple objects and
12 the length, width, and weight laws are not exceeded. For the
13 purpose of an over width movement, more than one object may be
14 carried as long as the cause for the over width is not due to
15 multiple objects and length, height, and weight laws are not
16 exceeded. Except for transporting fluid milk products, no State
17 ~~No state~~ or local agency shall authorize the issuance of excess
18 size or weight permits for vehicles and loads that are
19 divisible and that can be carried, when divided, within the
20 existing size or weight maximums specified in this Chapter. Any
21 excess size or weight permit issued in violation of the
22 provisions of this Section shall be void at issue and any
23 movement made thereunder shall not be authorized under the
24 terms of the void permit. In any prosecution for a violation of
25 this Chapter when the authorization of an excess size or weight
26 permit is at issue, it is the burden of the defendant to

1 establish that the permit was valid because the load to be
2 moved could not reasonably be dismantled or disassembled, or
3 was otherwise nondivisible.

4 (b) The application for any such permit shall: (1) state
5 whether such permit is requested for a single trip or for
6 limited continuous operation; (2) state if the applicant is an
7 authorized carrier under the Illinois Motor Carrier of Property
8 Law, if so, his certificate, registration or permit number
9 issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission; (3) specifically
10 describe and identify the vehicle or vehicles and load to be
11 operated or moved except that for vehicles or vehicle
12 combinations registered by the Department as provided in
13 Section 15-319 of this Chapter, only the Illinois Department of
14 Transportation's (IDT) registration number or classification
15 need be given; (4) state the routing requested including the
16 points of origin and destination, and may identify and include
17 a request for routing to the nearest certified scale in
18 accordance with the Department's rules and regulations,
19 provided the applicant has approval to travel on local roads;
20 and (5) state if the vehicles or loads are being transported
21 for hire. No permits for the movement of a vehicle or load for
22 hire shall be issued to any applicant who is required under the
23 Illinois Motor Carrier of Property Law to have a certificate,
24 registration or permit and does not have such certificate,
25 registration or permit.

26 (c) The Department or local authority when not inconsistent

1 with traffic safety is authorized to issue or withhold such
2 permit at its discretion; or, if such permit is issued at its
3 discretion to prescribe the route or routes to be traveled, to
4 limit the number of trips, to establish seasonal or other time
5 limitations within which the vehicles described may be operated
6 on the highways indicated, or otherwise to limit or prescribe
7 conditions of operations of such vehicle or vehicles, when
8 necessary to assure against undue damage to the road
9 foundations, surfaces or structures, and may require such
10 undertaking or other security as may be deemed necessary to
11 compensate for any injury to any roadway or road structure. The
12 Department shall maintain a daily record of each permit issued
13 along with the fee and the stipulated dimensions, weights,
14 conditions and restrictions authorized and this record shall be
15 presumed correct in any case of questions or dispute. The
16 Department shall install an automatic device for recording
17 applications received and permits issued by telephone. In
18 making application by telephone, the Department and applicant
19 waive all objections to the recording of the conversation.

20 (d) The Department shall, upon application in writing from
21 any local authority, issue an annual permit authorizing the
22 local authority to move oversize highway construction,
23 transportation, utility and maintenance equipment over roads
24 under the jurisdiction of the Department. The permit shall be
25 applicable only to equipment and vehicles owned by or
26 registered in the name of the local authority, and no fee shall

1 be charged for the issuance of such permits.

2 (e) As an exception to paragraph (a) of this Section, the
3 Department and local authorities, with respect to highways
4 under their respective jurisdictions, in their discretion and
5 upon application in writing may issue a special permit for
6 limited continuous operation, authorizing the applicant to
7 move loads of agricultural commodities on a 2 axle single
8 vehicle registered by the Secretary of State with axle loads
9 not to exceed 35%, on a 3 or 4 axle vehicle registered by the
10 Secretary of State with axle loads not to exceed 20%, and on a
11 5 axle vehicle registered by the Secretary of State not to
12 exceed 10% above those provided in Section 15-111. The total
13 gross weight of the vehicle, however, may not exceed the
14 maximum gross weight of the registration class of the vehicle
15 allowed under Section 3-815 or 3-818 of this Code.

16 As used in this Section, "agricultural commodities" means:

17 (1) cultivated plants or agricultural produce grown
18 including, but is not limited to, corn, soybeans, wheat,
19 oats, grain sorghum, canola, and rice;

20 (2) livestock, including but not limited to hogs,
21 equine, sheep, and poultry;

22 (3) ensilage; and

23 (4) fruits and vegetables.

24 Permits may be issued for a period not to exceed 40 days
25 and moves may be made of a distance not to exceed 50 miles from
26 a field, an on-farm grain storage facility, a warehouse as

1 defined in the Illinois Grain Code, or a livestock management
2 facility as defined in the Livestock Management Facilities Act
3 over any highway except the National System of Interstate and
4 Defense Highways. The operator of the vehicle, however, must
5 abide by posted bridge and posted highway weight limits. All
6 implements of husbandry operating under this Section between
7 sunset and sunrise shall be equipped as prescribed in Section
8 12-205.1.

9 (e-1) Upon a declaration by the Governor that an emergency
10 harvest situation exists, a special permit issued by the
11 Department under this Section shall not be required from
12 September 1 through December 31 during harvest season
13 emergencies, provided that the weight does not exceed 20% above
14 the limits provided in Section 15-111. All other restrictions
15 that apply to permits issued under this Section shall apply
16 during the declared time period. With respect to highways under
17 the jurisdiction of local authorities, the local authorities
18 may, at their discretion, waive special permit requirements
19 during harvest season emergencies. This permit exemption shall
20 apply to all vehicles eligible to obtain permits under this
21 Section, including commercial vehicles in use during the
22 declared time period.

23 (f) The form and content of the permit shall be determined
24 by the Department with respect to highways under its
25 jurisdiction and by local authorities with respect to highways
26 under their jurisdiction. Every permit shall be in written form

1 and carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which
2 it refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer
3 or authorized agent of any authority granting the permit and no
4 person shall violate any of the terms or conditions of such
5 special permit. Violation of the terms and conditions of the
6 permit shall not be deemed a revocation of the permit; however,
7 any vehicle and load found to be off the route prescribed in
8 the permit shall be held to be operating without a permit. Any
9 off route vehicle and load shall be required to obtain a new
10 permit or permits, as necessary, to authorize the movement back
11 onto the original permit routing. No rule or regulation, nor
12 anything herein shall be construed to authorize any police
13 officer, court, or authorized agent of any authority granting
14 the permit to remove the permit from the possession of the
15 permittee unless the permittee is charged with a fraudulent
16 permit violation as provided in paragraph (i). However, upon
17 arrest for an offense of violation of permit, operating without
18 a permit when the vehicle is off route, or any size or weight
19 offense under this Chapter when the permittee plans to raise
20 the issuance of the permit as a defense, the permittee, or his
21 agent, must produce the permit at any court hearing concerning
22 the alleged offense.

23 If the permit designates and includes a routing to a
24 certified scale, the permittee, while enroute to the designated
25 scale, shall be deemed in compliance with the weight provisions
26 of the permit provided the axle or gross weights do not exceed

1 any of the permitted limits by more than the following amounts:

2 Single axle 2000 pounds

3 Tandem axle 3000 pounds

4 Gross 5000 pounds

5 (g) The Department is authorized to adopt, amend, and to
6 make available to interested persons a policy concerning
7 reasonable rules, limitations and conditions or provisions of
8 operation upon highways under its jurisdiction in addition to
9 those contained in this Section for the movement by special
10 permit of vehicles, combinations, or loads which cannot
11 reasonably be dismantled or disassembled, including
12 manufactured and modular home sections and portions thereof.
13 All rules, limitations and conditions or provisions adopted in
14 the policy shall have due regard for the safety of the
15 traveling public and the protection of the highway system and
16 shall have been promulgated in conformity with the provisions
17 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The requirements
18 of the policy for flagmen and escort vehicles shall be the same
19 for all moves of comparable size and weight. When escort
20 vehicles are required, they shall meet the following
21 requirements:

22 (1) All operators shall be 18 years of age or over and
23 properly licensed to operate the vehicle.

24 (2) Vehicles escorting oversized loads more than
25 12-feet wide must be equipped with a rotating or flashing
26 amber light mounted on top as specified under Section

1 12-215.

2 The Department shall establish reasonable rules and
3 regulations regarding liability insurance or self insurance
4 for vehicles with oversized loads promulgated under The
5 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Police vehicles may be
6 required for escort under circumstances as required by rules
7 and regulations of the Department.

8 (h) Violation of any rule, limitation or condition or
9 provision of any permit issued in accordance with the
10 provisions of this Section shall not render the entire permit
11 null and void but the violator shall be deemed guilty of
12 violation of permit and guilty of exceeding any size, weight or
13 load limitations in excess of those authorized by the permit.
14 The prescribed route or routes on the permit are not mere
15 rules, limitations, conditions, or provisions of the permit,
16 but are also the sole extent of the authorization granted by
17 the permit. If a vehicle and load are found to be off the route
18 or routes prescribed by any permit authorizing movement, the
19 vehicle and load are operating without a permit. Any off route
20 movement shall be subject to the size and weight maximums,
21 under the applicable provisions of this Chapter, as determined
22 by the type or class highway upon which the vehicle and load
23 are being operated.

24 (i) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made under
25 a fraudulent permit the permit shall be void, and the person,
26 firm, or corporation to whom such permit was granted, the

1 driver of such vehicle in addition to the person who issued
2 such permit and any accessory, shall be guilty of fraud and
3 either one or all persons may be prosecuted for such violation.
4 Any person, firm, or corporation committing such violation
5 shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony and the Department shall
6 not issue permits to the person, firm or corporation convicted
7 of such violation for a period of one year after the date of
8 conviction. Penalties for violations of this Section shall be
9 in addition to any penalties imposed for violation of other
10 Sections of this Act.

11 (j) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made in
12 violation of a permit issued in accordance with this Section,
13 the person to whom such permit was granted, or the driver of
14 such vehicle, is guilty of such violation and either, but not
15 both, persons may be prosecuted for such violation as stated in
16 this subsection (j). Any person, firm or corporation convicted
17 of such violation shall be guilty of a petty offense and shall
18 be fined for the first offense, not less than \$50 nor more than
19 \$200 and, for the second offense by the same person, firm or
20 corporation within a period of one year, not less than \$200 nor
21 more than \$300 and, for the third offense by the same person,
22 firm or corporation within a period of one year after the date
23 of the first offense, not less than \$300 nor more than \$500 and
24 the Department shall not issue permits to the person, firm or
25 corporation convicted of a third offense during a period of one
26 year after the date of conviction for such third offense.

1 (k) Whenever any vehicle is operated on local roads under
2 permits for excess width or length issued by local authorities,
3 such vehicle may be moved upon a State highway for a distance
4 not to exceed one-half mile without a permit for the purpose of
5 crossing the State highway.

6 (l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,
7 the Department, with respect to highways under its
8 jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to highways
9 under their jurisdiction, may at their discretion authorize the
10 movement of a vehicle in violation of any size or weight
11 requirement, or both, that would not ordinarily be eligible for
12 a permit, when there is a showing of extreme necessity that the
13 vehicle and load should be moved without unnecessary delay.

14 For the purpose of this subsection, showing of extreme
15 necessity shall be limited to the following: shipments of
16 livestock, hazardous materials, liquid concrete being hauled
17 in a mobile cement mixer, or hot asphalt.

18 (m) Penalties for violations of this Section shall be in
19 addition to any penalties imposed for violating any other
20 Section of this Code.

21 (n) The Department with respect to highways under its
22 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways
23 under their jurisdiction, in their discretion and upon
24 application in writing, may issue a special permit for
25 continuous limited operation, authorizing the applicant to
26 operate a tow-truck that exceeds the weight limits provided for

1 in subsection (a) of Section 15-111, provided:

2 (1) no rear single axle of the tow-truck exceeds 26,000
3 pounds;

4 (2) no rear tandem axle of the tow-truck exceeds 50,000
5 pounds;

6 (2.1) no triple rear axle on a manufactured recovery
7 unit exceeds 60,000 pounds;

8 (3) neither the disabled vehicle nor the disabled
9 combination of vehicles exceed the weight restrictions
10 imposed by this Chapter 15, or the weight limits imposed
11 under a permit issued by the Department prior to hookup;

12 (4) the tow-truck prior to hookup does not exceed the
13 weight restrictions imposed by this Chapter 15;

14 (5) during the tow operation the tow-truck does not
15 violate any weight restriction sign;

16 (6) the tow-truck is equipped with flashing, rotating,
17 or oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet
18 in all directions;

19 (7) the tow-truck is specifically designed and
20 licensed as a tow-truck;

21 (8) the tow-truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of
22 sufficient capacity to safely handle the load;

23 (9) the tow-truck is equipped with air brakes;

24 (10) the tow-truck is capable of utilizing the lighting
25 and braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
26 of vehicles;

1 (11) the tow commences at the initial point of wreck or
2 disablement and terminates at a point where the repairs are
3 actually to occur;

4 (12) the permit issued to the tow-truck is carried in
5 the tow-truck and exhibited on demand by a police officer;
6 and

7 (13) the movement shall be valid only on state routes
8 approved by the Department.

9 (o) (Blank). ~~The Department, with respect to highways under~~
10 ~~its jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to~~
11 ~~highways under their jurisdiction, in their discretion and upon~~
12 ~~application in writing, may issue a special permit for~~
13 ~~continuous limited operation, authorizing the applicant to~~
14 ~~transport raw milk that exceeds the weight limits provided for~~
15 ~~in subsection (a) of Section 15-111 of this Code, provided:~~

16 ~~(1) no single axle exceeds 20,000 pounds;~~

17 ~~(2) no gross weight exceeds 80,000 pounds;~~

18 ~~(3) permits issued by the State are good only for~~
19 ~~federal and State highways and are not applicable to~~
20 ~~interstate highways; and~~

21 ~~(4) all road and bridge postings must be obeyed.~~

22 (p) In determining whether a load may be reasonably
23 dismantled or disassembled for the purpose of paragraph (a),
24 the Department shall consider whether there is a significant
25 negative impact on the condition of the pavement and structures
26 along the proposed route, whether the load or vehicle as

1 proposed causes a safety hazard to the traveling public,
2 whether dismantling or disassembling the load promotes or
3 stifles economic development and whether the proposed route
4 travels less than 5 miles. A load is not required to be
5 dismantled or disassembled for the purposes of paragraph (a) if
6 the Secretary of the Department determines there will be no
7 significant negative impact to pavement or structures along the
8 proposed route, the proposed load or vehicle causes no safety
9 hazard to the traveling public, dismantling or disassembling
10 the load does not promote economic development and the proposed
11 route travels less than 5 miles. The Department may promulgate
12 rules for the purpose of establishing the divisibility of a
13 load pursuant to paragraph (a). Any load determined by the
14 Secretary to be nondivisible shall otherwise comply with the
15 existing size or weight maximums specified in this Chapter.

16 (Source: P.A. 97-201, eff. 1-1-12; 97-479, eff. 8-22-11;
17 97-813, eff. 7-13-12.)

18 (625 ILCS 5/15-308.3 rep.)

19 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
20 repealing Section 15-308.3.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law."