

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3210

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3210 as follows:

3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
6 changing Section 15-107 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/15-107) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-107)

8 Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

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

12 (1) Semitrailers.

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

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

21 (b) On all non-State highways, the maximum length of

1 vehicles in combinations is as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 (c) Combinations of vehicles may not exceed a total of 2
34 vehicles except the following:

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

3 (2) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one
4 converter dolly.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (F) All vehicles must be properly equipped
31 with operating brakes and safety equipment required
32 by this Code, except the additional brake
33 requirement in subdivision (C) of this subparagraph
34 (5).

1 (6) A tow truck in combination with a disabled
2 vehicle or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the
3 towing vehicle:

4 (A) Is specifically designed as a tow truck
5 having a gross vehicle weight rating of at least
6 18,000 pounds and equipped with air brakes, provided
7 that air brakes are required only if the towing
8 vehicle is towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or
9 tractor-trailer combination that is equipped with
10 air brakes. For the purpose of this subsection,
11 gross vehicle weight rating, or GVWR, means the
12 value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded
13 weight of the tow truck.

14 (B) Is equipped with flashing, rotating, or
15 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500
16 feet in all directions.

17 (C) Is capable of utilizing the lighting and
18 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or
19 combination of vehicles.

20 (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway
21 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement
22 to a place of repair. Any additional movement of the
23 vehicles may occur only upon issuance of
24 authorization for that movement under the provisions
25 of Sections 15-301 through 15-319 of this Code.

26 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe
27 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a
28 tow truck towing another vehicle.

29 For purposes of this Section, a tow-dolly that merely
30 serves as substitute wheels for another legally licensed
31 vehicle is considered part of the licensed vehicle and not a
32 separate vehicle.

33 (d) On Class I highways there are no overall length
34 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations

1 provided:

2 (1) The length of a semitrailer, unladen or with
3 load, in combination with a truck tractor may not exceed
4 53 feet.

5 (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center
6 of the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in
7 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet
8 6 inches.

9 (3) The length of a semitrailer or trailer, unladen
10 or with load, operated in a truck
11 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination, may not exceed
12 28 feet 6 inches.

13 (4) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter
14 1, may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

31 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when
32 transporting poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a
33 structural nature that cannot readily be dismembered are
34 exempt from length limitations, provided that no object may

1 exceed 80 feet in length and the overall dimension of the
2 vehicle including the load may not exceed 100 feet. This
3 exemption does not apply to operation on a Saturday, Sunday,
4 or legal holiday. Legal holidays referred to in this Section
5 are the days on which the following traditional holidays are
6 celebrated: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day;
7 Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination
6 may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

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

29 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when
30 transporting poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a
31 structural nature that cannot readily be dismembered are
32 exempt from length limitations, provided that no object may
33 exceed 80 feet in length and the overall dimension of the
34 vehicle including the load may not exceed 100 feet. This

1 exemption does not apply to operation on a Saturday, Sunday,
2 or legal holiday. Legal holidays referred to in this Section
3 are the days on which the following traditional holidays are
4 celebrated: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day;
5 Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

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

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

17 Local authorities and road district commissioners, with
18 respect to streets and highways under their jurisdiction, may
19 also by ordinance or resolution allow length limitations of
20 this subsection (e).

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

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

30 (1) From any State designated highway onto any
31 county, township, or municipal highway for a distance of
32 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading and unloading,
33 provided:

34 (A) The vehicle does not exceed 73,280 pounds

1 in gross weight and 8 feet 6 inches in width.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any
24 State highway or any locally designated highway for a
25 distance of 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading,
26 unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

27 (e-3) Combinations of vehicles over 65 feet in length
28 operated by household goods carriers, with no overall length
29 limitations except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of
30 this Section, have unlimited access to points of loading and
31 unloading.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 (A) It is specifically designed as a tow truck

1 having a gross vehicle weight rating of at least
2 18,000 pounds and equipped with air brakes, provided
3 that air brakes are required only if the towing
4 vehicle is towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or
5 tractor-trailer combination that is equipped with
6 air brakes.

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

10 (C) It is capable of utilizing the lighting
11 and braking systems of the disabled vehicle or
12 combination of vehicles.

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

16 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe
17 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a
18 tow truck towing another vehicle.

19 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight
20 rating, or GVWR, shall mean the value specified by the
21 manufacturer as the loaded weight of the tow truck. Legal
22 holidays referred to in this Section shall be specified as
23 the day on which the following traditional holidays are
24 celebrated:

- 25 New Year's Day;
- 26 Memorial Day;
- 27 Independence Day;
- 28 Labor Day;
- 29 Thanksgiving Day; and
- 30 Christmas Day.

31 (h) The load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the
32 load upon the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles,
33 shall not extend more than 3 feet beyond the front wheels of
34 the vehicle or the front bumper of the vehicle if it is

1 equipped with a front bumper. The provisions of this
2 subsection (h) shall not apply to any vehicle or combination
3 of vehicles specifically designed for the collection and
4 transportation of waste, garbage, or recyclable materials
5 during the vehicle's operation in the course of collecting
6 garbage, waste, or recyclable materials if the vehicle is
7 traveling at a speed not in excess of 15 miles per hour
8 during the vehicle's operation and in the course of
9 collecting garbage, waste, or recyclable materials. However,
10 in no instance shall the load extend more than 7 feet beyond
11 the front wheels of the vehicle or the front bumper of the
12 vehicle if it is equipped with a front bumper.

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

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

26 1. operated by or for any public body or motor
27 carrier authorized by law to provide public
28 transportation services; or

29 2. operated in local public transportation service
30 by any other person and the municipality in which the
31 service is to be provided approved the operation of the
32 vehicle.

33 (j-1) (Blank).

34 (k) Any person who is convicted of violating this

1 Section is subject to the penalty as provided in paragraph
2 (b) of Section 15-113.

3 (1) (Blank).

4 (Source: P.A. 92-417, eff. 1-1-02.)".