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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2836

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2836 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

6 (625 ILCS 5/15-107) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-107)

7 Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

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

10 (1) Semitrailers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (C) The second vehicle in the combination of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 feet;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (5) Combinations of vehicles specifically designed to  
26 transport motor vehicles or boats may not exceed 65 feet

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

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

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

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

26 Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 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 75  
3           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          Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways

1 under their jurisdiction, may also by ordinance or resolution  
2 allow length limitations of this subsection (e).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 provided:

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

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

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

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

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

15 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any State  
16 highway or any locally designated highway for a distance of  
17 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading, unloading,  
18 food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

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

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

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

4           (2) Semitrailers, unladen or with load, may not exceed  
5           53 feet overall dimension.

6           (3) No truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck  
7           tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may exceed 60  
8           feet extreme overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6           New Year's Day;

7           Memorial Day;

8           Independence Day;

9           Labor Day;

10          Thanksgiving Day; and

11          Christmas Day.

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



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

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

14 1. operated by or for any public body or motor carrier  
15 authorized by law to provide public transportation  
16 services; or

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

20 (j-1) (Blank).

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

24 (l) (Blank).

25 (Source: P.A. 96-34, eff. 1-1-10; 96-37, eff. 7-13-09; 96-1352,  
26 eff. 7-28-10.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.".