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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/1-129.5 new
625 ILCS 5/18a-300 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 18a-300
625 ILCS 5/18d-115
625 ILCS 5/18d-151 new
625 ILCS 5/18d-152 new

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that it is unlawful to apply for a new commercial vehicle relocater's license or safety relocater's registration certificate while the commercial vehicle relocater's license or safety relocater's registration certificate of the applicant, or an entity that the applicant has an ownership interest in, is suspended. Provides that it is unlawful to apply for a new commercial vehicle relocater's license or safety relocater's registration certificate within 5 years after the date when the commercial vehicle relocater's license or safety relocater's registration certificate of the applicant, or an entity that the applicant has an ownership interest in, was revoked. Provides that it is unlawful to relocate a vehicle of which the commercial vehicle relocater has possession from any premises controlled by the commercial vehicle relocater without (1) providing at least 90 days notice by posting on the premises, visible to the general public, a notice of intent to relocate the vehicle prior to the relocation of the vehicle, and (2) providing at least 60 days notice by mail to the registered address of the registered owner or owners of the vehicle prior to the relocation of the vehicle. Provides that a commercial vehicle safety relocater shall provide a price list indicating both the per mile towing charge and per day storage charge to the driver of the vehicle prior to removing the vehicle, to specified others if the driver cannot be located, or, under specified conditions, mailed within 24 hours to the registered address of the registered vehicle owner.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Sections 18a-300 and 18d-115 and by adding Sections
6 1-129.5, 18d-151, and 18d-152 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/1-129.5 new)

8 Sec. 1-129.5. Immediate family or household member. A
9 spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandparent, or
10 grandchild, whether of the whole blood or half blood or by
11 adoption, or a person who shares a common dwelling.

12 (625 ILCS 5/18a-300) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 18a-300)

13 Sec. 18a-300. Commercial vehicle relocators - Unlawful
14 practices. It shall be unlawful for any commercial vehicle
15 relocater:

16 (1) To operate in any county in which this Chapter is
17 applicable without a valid, current relocater's license as
18 provided in Article IV of this Chapter;

19 (2) To employ as an operator, or otherwise so use the
20 services of, any person who does not have at the
21 commencement of employment or service, or at any time
22 during the course of employment or service, a valid,

1 current operator's employment permit, or temporary
2 operator's employment permit issued in accordance with
3 Sections 18a-403 or 18a-405 of this Chapter; or to fail to
4 notify the Commission, in writing, of any known criminal
5 conviction of any employee occurring at any time before or
6 during the course of employment or service;

7 (3) To employ as a dispatcher, or otherwise so use the
8 services of, any person who does not have at the
9 commencement of employment or service, or at any time
10 during the course of employment or service, a valid,
11 current dispatcher's or operator's employment permit or
12 temporary dispatcher's or operator's employment permit
13 issued in accordance with Sections 18a-403 or 18a-407 of
14 this Chapter; or to fail to notify the Commission, in
15 writing, of any known criminal conviction of any employee
16 occurring at any time before or during the course of
17 employment or service;

18 (4) To operate upon the highways of this State any
19 vehicle used in connection with any commercial vehicle
20 relocation service unless:

21 (A) There is painted or firmly affixed to the
22 vehicle on both sides of the vehicle in a color or
23 colors vividly contrasting to the color of the vehicle
24 the name, address and telephone number of the
25 relocater. The Commission shall prescribe reasonable
26 rules and regulations pertaining to insignia to be

1 painted or firmly affixed to vehicles and shall waive
2 the requirements of the address on any vehicle in
3 cases where the operator of a vehicle has painted or
4 otherwise firmly affixed to the vehicle a seal or
5 trade mark that clearly identifies the operator of the
6 vehicle; and

7 (B) There is carried in the power unit of the
8 vehicle a certified copy of the currently effective
9 relocater's license and operator's employment permit.
10 Copies may be photographed, photocopied, or reproduced
11 or printed by any other legible and durable process.
12 Any person guilty of not causing to be displayed a copy
13 of his relocater's license and operator's employment
14 permit may in any hearing concerning the violation be
15 excused from the payment of the penalty hereinafter
16 provided upon a showing that the license was issued by
17 the Commission, but was subsequently lost or
18 destroyed;

19 (5) To operate upon the highways of this State any
20 vehicle used in connection with any commercial vehicle
21 relocation service that bears the name or address and
22 telephone number of any person or entity other than the
23 relocater by which it is owned or to which it is leased;

24 (6) To advertise in any newspaper, book, list,
25 classified directory or other publication unless there is
26 contained in the advertisement the license number of the

1 relocator;

2 (7) To remove any vehicle from private property
3 without having first obtained the written authorization of
4 the property owner or other person in lawful possession or
5 control of the property, his authorized agent, or an
6 authorized law enforcement officer. The authorization may
7 be on a contractual basis covering a period of time or
8 limited to a specific removal;

9 (8) To charge the private property owner, who
10 requested that an unauthorized vehicle be removed from his
11 property, with the costs of removing the vehicle contrary
12 to any terms that may be a part of the contract between the
13 property owner and the commercial relocator. Nothing in
14 this paragraph shall prevent a relocator from assessing,
15 collecting, or receiving from the property owner, lessee,
16 or their agents any fee prescribed by the Commission;

17 (9) To remove a vehicle when the owner or operator of
18 the vehicle is present or arrives at the vehicle location
19 at any time prior to the completion of removal, and is
20 willing and able to remove the vehicle immediately, except
21 for vehicles that require a commercial driver's license to
22 operate. Vehicles that require a commercial driver's
23 license to operate shall be disconnected from the tow
24 truck and the owner or operator shall be allowed to remove
25 the vehicle without interference upon the payment of a
26 reasonable service fee of not more than one-half of the

1 posted rate of the towing service per tow vehicle on the
2 scene and up to a maximum of 2 tow vehicles as provided in
3 paragraph 6 of subsection (f) of Section 4-203 of this
4 Code, for which a receipt shall be given;

5 (10) To remove any vehicle from property on which
6 signs are required and on which there are not posted
7 appropriate signs under Section 18a-302;

8 (11) To fail to notify law enforcement authorities in
9 the jurisdiction in which the trespassing vehicle was
10 removed within one hour of the removal. Notification shall
11 include a complete description of the vehicle,
12 registration numbers if possible, the locations from which
13 and to which the vehicle was removed, the time of removal,
14 and any other information required by regulation, statute
15 or ordinance;

16 (12) To impose any charge other than in accordance
17 with the rates set by the Commission as provided in
18 paragraph (6) of Section 18a-200 of this Chapter;

19 (13) To fail, in the office or location at which
20 relocated vehicles are routinely returned to their owners,
21 to prominently post the name, address and telephone number
22 of the nearest office of the Commission to which inquiries
23 or complaints may be sent;

24 (13.1) To fail to distribute to each owner or operator
25 of a relocated vehicle, in written form as prescribed by
26 Commission rule or regulation, the relevant statutes,

1 regulations and ordinances governing commercial vehicle
2 relocators, including, in at least 12 point boldface type,
3 the name, address and telephone number of the nearest
4 office of the Commission to which inquiries or complaints
5 may be sent;

6 (13.2) To fail, in the office or location at which
7 relocated vehicles are routinely returned to their owners,
8 to ensure that the relocator's representative provides
9 suitable evidence of his or her identity to the owners of
10 relocated vehicles upon request;

11 (14) To remove any vehicle, otherwise in accordance
12 with this Chapter, more than 15 air miles from its
13 location when towed from a location in an unincorporated
14 area of a county or more than 10 air miles from its
15 location when towed from any other location;

16 (15) To fail to make a telephone number available to
17 the police department of any municipality in which a
18 relocator operates at which the relocator or an employee
19 of the relocator may be contacted at any time during the
20 hours in which the relocator is engaged in the towing of
21 vehicles, or advertised as engaged in the towing of
22 vehicles, for the purpose of effectuating the release of a
23 towed vehicle; or to fail to include the telephone number
24 in any advertisement of the relocator's services published
25 or otherwise appearing on or after the effective date of
26 this amendatory Act; or to fail to have an employee

1 available at any time on the premises owned or controlled
2 by the relocater for the purposes of arranging for the
3 immediate release of the vehicle.

4 Apart from any other penalty or liability authorized
5 under this Act, if after a reasonable effort, the owner of
6 the vehicle is unable to make telephone contact with the
7 relocater for a period of one hour from his initial
8 attempt during any time period in which the relocater is
9 required to respond at the number, all fees for towing,
10 storage, or otherwise are to be waived. Proof of 3
11 attempted phone calls to the number provided to the police
12 department by an officer or employee of the department on
13 behalf of the vehicle owner within the space of one hour,
14 at least 2 of which are separated by 45 minutes, shall be
15 deemed sufficient proof of the owner's reasonable effort
16 to make contact with the vehicle relocater. Failure of the
17 relocater to respond to the phone calls is not a criminal
18 violation of this Chapter;

19 (16) To use equipment which the relocater does not
20 own, except in compliance with Section 18a-306 of this
21 Chapter and Commission regulations. No equipment can be
22 leased to more than one relocater at any time. Equipment
23 leases shall be filed with the Commission. If equipment is
24 leased to one relocater, it cannot thereafter be leased to
25 another relocater until a written cancellation of lease is
26 properly filed with the Commission;

1 (17) To use drivers or other personnel who are not
2 employees or contractors of the relocator;

3 (18) To fail to refund any amount charged in excess of
4 the reasonable rate established by the Commission;

5 (19) To violate any other provision of this Chapter,
6 or of Commission regulations or orders adopted under this
7 Chapter;

8 (20) To engage in the removal of a commercial motor
9 vehicle that requires a commercial driver's license to
10 operate by operating the vehicle under its own power on a
11 highway without authorization by a law enforcement
12 officer.

13 (21) To apply for a new relocator's license while the
14 relocator's license of the applicant, or an entity that
15 the applicant or an immediate family member or household
16 member has an ownership interest in, is suspended.

17 (22) To apply for a new relocator's license within 5
18 years after the date when the relocator's license of the
19 applicant or an immediate family member or household
20 member, or an entity that the applicant has an ownership
21 interest in, was revoked.

22 (23) To relocate a vehicle of which the commercial
23 vehicle relocater has possession from any premises
24 controlled by the commercial vehicle relocater without:

25 (A) providing at least 90 days notice by posting
26 on the premises, visible to the general public, a

1 notice of intent to relocate the vehicle prior to the
2 relocation of the vehicle; and

3 (B) providing at least 60 days notice by mail to
4 the registered address of the registered owner or
5 owners of the vehicle prior to the relocation of the
6 vehicle.

7 (Source: P.A. 99-438, eff. 1-1-16.)

8 (625 ILCS 5/18d-115)

9 Sec. 18d-115. Safety relocators' registration certificate.

10 (a) It shall be unlawful for any commercial vehicle safety
11 relocator to operate in any county in which this Chapter is
12 applicable without a valid, current safety relocators' registration
13 certificate issued by the Illinois Commerce
14 Commission. The Illinois Commerce Commission shall issue
15 safety relocators' registration certificates in accordance
16 with administrative rules adopted by the Commission. The
17 Commission may, at any time during the term of the
18 registration certificate, make inquiry, into the licensee's
19 management or conduct of business or otherwise, to determine
20 that the provisions of this Chapter and the rules of the
21 Commission adopted under this Chapter are being observed.

22 (b) It shall be unlawful for any commercial vehicle safety
23 relocator to apply for a new safety relocators' registration
24 certificate:

25 (1) while the safety relocators' registration

1 certificate of the applicant or an immediate family member
2 or household member, or an entity that the applicant has
3 an ownership interest in, is suspended; or

4 (2) within 5 years after the date when the safety
5 relocator's registration certificate of the applicant or
6 an immediate family member or household member, or an
7 entity that the applicant has an ownership interest in,
8 was revoked.

9 (Source: P.A. 95-562, eff. 7-1-08.)

10 (625 ILCS 5/18d-151 new)

11 Sec. 18d-151. Relocation notice requirements. A commercial
12 vehicle safety relocator with a safety relocator's
13 registration certificate, in order to relocate a vehicle of
14 which the commercial vehicle relocator has possession from any
15 premises controlled by the commercial vehicle relocator, shall
16 provide:

17 (1) at least 90 days notice by posting on the
18 premises, visible to the general public, a notice of
19 intent to relocate the vehicle prior to the relocation of
20 the vehicle; and

21 (2) at least 60 days notice by mail to the registered
22 address of the registered owner or owners of the vehicle
23 prior to the relocation of the vehicle.

24 (625 ILCS 5/18d-152 new)

1 Sec. 18d-152. Price list. A commercial vehicle safety
2 relocator shall provide a printed legible price list
3 indicating both the per mile towing charge and per day storage
4 charge to the driver of the vehicle prior to removing the
5 vehicle. If the driver of the vehicle cannot be located prior
6 to removing the vehicle and the person authorizing the tow is
7 not a law enforcement officer, then the price list shall be
8 provided to the person authorizing the tow. If the driver of
9 the vehicle cannot be located and the person authorizing the
10 tow is a law enforcement officer, then the price list shall be
11 provided to any other occupant of the vehicle. If the driver of
12 the vehicle cannot be located and no occupant of the vehicle is
13 present, then the price list shall be mailed within 24 hours to
14 the registered address of the registered vehicle owner. If a
15 printed price list cannot be provided for any reason other
16 than failure of the commercial vehicle safety relocator to
17 have a printed list available, then an electronic version may
18 be provided.