

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 12-812 and 15-102 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-812) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-812)

7 Sec. 12-812. Rules and regulations. (a) The Department may  
8 promulgate rules and regulations to more completely specify  
9 the equipment requirements of this Article and may establish  
10 by rule a pilot program to permit the testing of safety  
11 equipment not otherwise prohibited by State or federal law.

12 (b) All rules, regulations and standards promulgated from  
13 time to time by the State Board of Education and the Department  
14 for the safety and construction of school buses shall be  
15 applicable to every motor vehicle in this State defined as a  
16 school bus under Section 1-182.

17 (Source: P.A. 81-1508.)

18 (625 ILCS 5/15-102) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-102)

19 Sec. 15-102. Width of vehicles.

20 (a) On Class III and non-designated State and local  
21 highways, the total outside width of any vehicle or load  
22 thereon shall not exceed 8 feet 6 inches.

1           (b) Except during those times when, due to insufficient  
2 light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and  
3 vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a  
4 distance of 1000 feet, the following vehicles may exceed the 8  
5 feet 6 inch limitation during the period from a half hour  
6 before sunrise to a half hour after sunset:

7           (1) Loads of hay, straw or other similar farm products  
8 provided that the load is not more than 12 feet wide.

9           (2) Implements of husbandry being transported on  
10 another vehicle and the transporting vehicle while loaded.

11           The following requirements apply to the transportation  
12 on another vehicle of an implement of husbandry wider than  
13 8 feet 6 inches on the National System of Interstate and  
14 Defense Highways or other highways in the system of State  
15 highways:

16           (A) The driver of a vehicle transporting an  
17 implement of husbandry that exceeds 8 feet 6 inches in  
18 width shall obey all traffic laws and shall check the  
19 roadways prior to making a movement in order to ensure  
20 that adequate clearance is available for the movement.  
21 It is prima facie evidence that the driver of a vehicle  
22 transporting an implement of husbandry has failed to  
23 check the roadway prior to making a movement if the  
24 vehicle is involved in a collision with a bridge,  
25 overpass, fixed structure, or properly placed traffic  
26 control device or if the vehicle blocks traffic due to

1 its inability to proceed because of a bridge,  
2 overpass, fixed structure, or properly placed traffic  
3 control device.

4 (B) Flags shall be displayed so as to wave freely  
5 at the extremities of overwidth objects and at the  
6 extreme ends of all protrusions, projections, and  
7 overhangs. All flags shall be clean, bright red flags  
8 with no advertising, wording, emblem, or insignia  
9 inscribed upon them and at least 18 inches square.

10 (C) "OVERSIZE LOAD" signs are mandatory on the  
11 front and rear of all vehicles with loads over 10 feet  
12 wide. These signs must have 12-inch high black letters  
13 with a 2-inch stroke on a yellow sign that is 7 feet  
14 wide by 18 inches high.

15 (D) One civilian escort vehicle is required for a  
16 load that exceeds 14 feet 6 inches in width and 2  
17 civilian escort vehicles are required for a load that  
18 exceeds 16 feet in width on the National System of  
19 Interstate and Defense Highways or other highways in  
20 the system of State highways.

21 (E) The requirements for a civilian escort vehicle  
22 and driver are as follows:

23 (1) The civilian escort vehicle shall be a  
24 vehicle not exceeding a gross vehicle weight  
25 rating of 26,000 pounds that is designed to afford  
26 clear and unobstructed vision to both front and

1 rear.

2 (2) The escort vehicle driver must be properly  
3 licensed to operate the vehicle.

4 (3) While in use, the escort vehicle must be  
5 equipped with illuminated rotating, oscillating,  
6 or flashing amber lights or flashing amber strobe  
7 lights mounted on top that are of sufficient  
8 intensity to be visible at 500 feet in normal  
9 sunlight.

10 (4) "OVERSIZE LOAD" signs are mandatory on all  
11 escort vehicles. The sign on an escort vehicle  
12 shall have 8-inch high black letters on a yellow  
13 sign that is 5 feet wide by 12 inches high.

14 (5) When only one escort vehicle is required  
15 and it is operating on a two-lane highway, the  
16 escort vehicle shall travel approximately 300 feet  
17 ahead of the load. The rotating, oscillating, or  
18 flashing lights or flashing amber strobe lights  
19 and an "OVERSIZE LOAD" sign shall be displayed on  
20 the escort vehicle and shall be visible from the  
21 front. When only one escort vehicle is required  
22 and it is operating on a multilane divided  
23 highway, the escort vehicle shall travel  
24 approximately 300 feet behind the load and the  
25 sign and lights shall be visible from the rear.

26 (6) When 2 escort vehicles are required, one

1 escort shall travel approximately 300 feet ahead  
2 of the load and the second escort shall travel  
3 approximately 300 feet behind the load. The  
4 rotating, oscillating, or flashing lights or  
5 flashing amber strobe lights and an "OVERSIZE  
6 LOAD" sign shall be displayed on the escort  
7 vehicles and shall be visible from the front on  
8 the lead escort and from the rear on the trailing  
9 escort.

10 (7) When traveling within the corporate limits  
11 of a municipality, the escort vehicle shall  
12 maintain a reasonable and proper distance from the  
13 oversize load, consistent with existing traffic  
14 conditions.

15 (8) A separate escort shall be provided for  
16 each load hauled.

17 (9) The driver of an escort vehicle shall obey  
18 all traffic laws.

19 (10) The escort vehicle must be in safe  
20 operational condition.

21 (11) The driver of the escort vehicle must be  
22 in radio contact with the driver of the vehicle  
23 carrying the oversize load.

24 (F) A transport vehicle while under load of more  
25 than 8 feet 6 inches in width must be equipped with an  
26 illuminated rotating, oscillating, or flashing amber

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

12 (G) When a flashing amber light is required on the  
13 transport vehicle under load and it is operating on a  
14 two-lane highway, the transport vehicle shall display  
15 to the rear at least one rotating, oscillating, or  
16 flashing light or a flashing amber strobe light and an  
17 "OVERSIZE LOAD" sign. When a flashing amber light is  
18 required on the transport vehicle under load and it is  
19 operating on a multilane divided highway, the sign and  
20 light shall be visible from the rear.

21 (H) Maximum speed shall be 45 miles per hour on all  
22 such moves or 5 miles per hour above the posted minimum  
23 speed limit, whichever is greater, but the vehicle  
24 shall not at any time exceed the posted maximum speed  
25 limit.

26 (3) Portable buildings designed and used for

1 agricultural and livestock raising operations that are not  
2 more than 14 feet wide and with not more than a 1 foot  
3 overhang along the left side of the hauling vehicle.  
4 However, the buildings shall not be transported more than  
5 10 miles and not on any route that is part of the National  
6 System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

7 All buildings when being transported shall display at  
8 least 2 red cloth flags, not less than 12 inches square,  
9 mounted as high as practicable on the left and right side of  
10 the building.

11 A State Police escort shall be required if it is necessary  
12 for this load to use part of the left lane when crossing any 2  
13 laned State highway bridge.

14 (c) Vehicles propelled by electric power obtained from  
15 overhead trolley wires operated wholly within the corporate  
16 limits of a municipality are also exempt from the width  
17 limitation.

18 (d) (Blank).

19 (d-1) A recreational vehicle, as defined in Section 1-169,  
20 may exceed 8 feet 6 inches in width if:

21 (1) the excess width is attributable to appurtenances  
22 that extend 6 inches or less beyond either side of the body  
23 of the vehicle; and

24 (2) the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling has  
25 marked lanes for vehicular traffic that are at least 11  
26 feet in width.

1           As used in this subsection (d-1) and in subsection (d-2),  
2 the term appurtenance includes (i) a retracted awning and its  
3 support hardware and (ii) any appendage that is intended to be  
4 an integral part of a recreation vehicle.

5           (d-2) A recreational vehicle that exceeds 8 feet 6 inches  
6 in width as provided in subsection (d-1) may travel any  
7 roadway of the State if the vehicle is being operated between a  
8 roadway permitted under subsection (d-1) and:

9           (1) the location where the recreation vehicle is  
10 garaged;

11           (2) the destination of the recreation vehicle; or

12           (3) a facility for food, fuel, repair, services, or  
13 rest.

14           (e) A vehicle and load traveling upon the National System  
15 of Interstate and Defense Highways or any other highway in the  
16 system of State highways that has been designated as a Class I  
17 or Class II highway by the Department, or any street or highway  
18 designated by local authorities, may have a total outside  
19 width of 8 feet 6 inches, provided that certain safety devices  
20 that the Department determines as necessary for the safe and  
21 efficient operation of motor vehicles shall not be included in  
22 the calculation of width.

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

26           (f) Mirrors required by Section 12-502 of this Code ~~and~~



1 ~~other safety devices identified by the Department~~ may project  
2 up to 14 inches beyond each side of a bus and up to 6 inches  
3 beyond each side of any other vehicle, and that projection  
4 shall not be deemed a violation of the width restrictions of  
5 this Section.

6 (g) Any person who is convicted of violating this Section  
7 is subject to the penalty as provided in paragraph (b) of  
8 Section 15-113.

9 (h) Safety devices identified by the Department in  
10 accordance with Section 12-812 shall not be deemed a violation  
11 of the width restrictions of this Section.

12 (Source: P.A. 100-830, eff. 1-1-19.)