

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 changing
5 Sections 1-198, 1-212, 15-107, 15-101, 15-111, 15-112, 15-301,
6 and by adding Sections 1-105.2a, 1-105.7, 1-112.8, 1-205.02,
7 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)

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

19 (625 ILCS 5/1-112.8 new)

20 Sec. 1-112.8. Covered heavy duty tow and recovery vehicle.
21 A vehicle transporting a disabled vehicle from the place where

1 the vehicle became disabled to the nearest repair facility,
2 having a gross weight that is equal to or exceeds the gross
3 vehicle weight of the disabled vehicle being transported.

4 (625 ILCS 5/1-198) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-198)

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

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

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

12 (625 ILCS 5/1-205.02 new)

13 Sec. 1-205.02. Towaway trailer transporter combination. A
14 combination of vehicles consisting of a trailer transporter
15 towing unit and two trailers or semitrailers with a total
16 weight that does not exceed 26,000 pounds, and in which the
17 trailers or semitrailers carry no property and constitute
18 inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of
19 such trailers or semitrailers.

20 (625 ILCS 5/1-209.1 new)

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

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

2 Sec. 1-212. Truck tractor.

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

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

11 (625 ILCS 5/15-101) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-101)

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

13 (a) It is unlawful for any person to drive or move on, upon
14 or across or for the owner to cause or knowingly permit to be
15 driven or moved on, upon or across any highway any vehicle or
16 vehicles of a size and weight exceeding the limitations stated
17 in this Chapter or otherwise in violation of this Chapter, and
18 the maximum size and weight of vehicles herein specified shall
19 be lawful throughout this State, and local authorities shall
20 have no power or authority to alter such limitations except as
21 express authority may be granted in this Chapter.

22 (b) The provisions of this Chapter governing size, weight,
23 and load do not apply to ~~fire apparatus or~~ equipment for snow
24 and ice removal operations owned or operated by any

1 governmental body, or to implements of husbandry, as defined in
2 Chapter 1 of this Code, temporarily operated or towed in a
3 combination upon a highway provided such combination does not
4 consist of more than 3 vehicles or, in the case of hauling
5 fresh, perishable fruits or vegetables from farm to the point
6 of first processing, not more than 3 wagons being towed by an
7 implement of husbandry, or to a vehicle operated under the
8 terms of a special permit issued hereunder. The provisions of
9 this Chapter governing size and load do not apply to fire
10 apparatus.

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

16 These vehicles must be equipped with an illuminated
17 rotating, oscillating, or flashing amber light or lights, or a
18 flashing amber strobe light or lights, mounted on the top of
19 the cab and of sufficient intensity to be visible at 500 feet
20 in normal sunlight. If the load on the transport vehicle blocks
21 the visibility of the amber lighting from the rear of the
22 vehicle, the vehicle must also be equipped with an illuminated
23 rotating, oscillating, or flashing amber light or lights, or a
24 flashing amber strobe light or lights, mounted on the rear of
25 the load and of sufficient intensity to be visible at 500 feet
26 in normal sunlight.

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

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

3 Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

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

6 (1) Semitrailers.

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

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

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

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

17 (2) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
18 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer may not exceed 60 feet
19 overall dimension.

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

22 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when transporting
23 poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural
24 nature that cannot readily be dismembered are exempt from
25 length limitations, provided that no object may exceed 80 feet

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

8 Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en
9 route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities or
10 properties are exempt from length limitations, provided that
11 during night operations every vehicle and its load must be
12 equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both
13 sides and marker lamps on the extreme ends of any projecting
14 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 (6)
17 of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length
18 limitations.

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

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

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

25 (2) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one converter
26 dolly or one semitrailer.

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

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

6 (5) Recreational vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,
7 provided the following:

8 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 60
9 feet.

10 (B) The towing vehicle is a properly registered
11 vehicle capable of towing another vehicle using a
12 fifth-wheel type assembly.

13 (C) The second vehicle in the combination of
14 vehicles is a recreational vehicle that is towed by a
15 fifth-wheel assembly. This vehicle must be properly
16 registered and must be equipped with brakes,
17 regardless of weight.

18 (D) The third vehicle must be the lightest of the 3
19 vehicles and be a trailer or semitrailer designed or
20 used for transporting a boat, all-terrain vehicle,
21 personal watercraft, or motorcycle.

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

24 (F) All vehicles must be properly equipped with
25 operating brakes and safety equipment required by this
26 Code, except the additional brake requirement in

1 subdivision (C) of this subparagraph (5).

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

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

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

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

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

26 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe

1 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a
2 tow truck towing another vehicle.

3 For purposes of this Section, a tow-dolly that merely
4 serves as substitute wheels for another legally licensed
5 vehicle is considered part of the licensed vehicle and not
6 a separate vehicle.

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

9 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 65
10 feet.

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

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

16 (D) All vehicles must be properly equipped with
17 operating brakes and safety equipment required by this
18 Code.

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

21 (F) The combination of vehicles must be en route to
22 a location where new or used trailers are sold by an
23 Illinois or out-of-state licensed new or used trailer
24 dealer.

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

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

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

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

8 (c-2) A combination of 3 vehicles is allowed access from
9 any State designated highway onto any county, township, or
10 municipal highway for a distance of 5 highway miles for the
11 purpose of delivery or collection of one or both of the towed
12 vehicles if:

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

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

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

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

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

23 (d) On Class I highways there are no overall length
24 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations
25 provided:

26 (1) The length of a semitrailer, unladen or with load,

1 in combination with a truck tractor may not exceed 53 feet.

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

8 (3) 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 (4) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter 1,
13 may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

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

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

1 (7) 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 (8) 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 The length limitations described in this paragraph (d)
3 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,
4 such as bumpers, refrigeration units or air compressors and
5 other devices, that the Department may interpret as necessary
6 for safe and efficient operation; except that no device
7 excluded under this paragraph shall have by its design or use
8 the capability to carry cargo.

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

12 (e) On Class II highways there are no overall length
13 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations,
14 provided:

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

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

24 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
25 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may not exceed
26 65 feet in dimension from front axle to rear axle.

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

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

7 (6) A combination of vehicles, specifically designed
8 to transport motor vehicles or boats, may not exceed 65
9 feet overall dimension. The length limitation is inclusive
10 of front and rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of
11 the transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of
12 this Section.

13 (7) Stinger steered semitrailer vehicles, ~~as defined~~
14 ~~in Chapter 1,~~ specifically designed to transport motor
15 vehicles or boats, may not exceed 80 ~~75~~ feet overall
16 dimension. The length limitation is inclusive of front and
17 rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of the
18 transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of this
19 Section.

20 (8) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled
21 together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed 97
22 ~~75~~ feet overall dimension.

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

25 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when transporting
26 poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural

1 nature that cannot readily be dismembered are exempt from
2 length limitations, provided that no object may exceed 80 feet
3 in length and the overall dimension of the vehicle including
4 the load may not exceed 100 feet. This exemption does not apply
5 to operation on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Legal
6 holidays referred to in this Section are the days on which the
7 following traditional holidays are celebrated: New Year's Day;
8 Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day;
9 and Christmas Day.

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

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

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

24 The length limitations described in this paragraph (e)
25 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,
26 such as bumpers, refrigeration units or air compressors and

1 other devices, that the Department may interpret as necessary
2 for safe and efficient operation; except that no device
3 excluded under this paragraph shall have by its design or use
4 the capability to carry cargo.

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (2) From any State designated highway onto any county
19 or township highway for a distance of 5 highway miles or
20 onto any municipal highway for a distance of one highway
21 mile for the purpose of food, fuel, repairs, and rest,
22 provided:

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

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

26 (C) The route is not being used as a thoroughfare

1 between State designated highways.

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

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

10 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any State
11 highway or any locally designated highway for a distance of
12 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading, unloading,
13 food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

14 (e-3) Combinations of vehicles over 65 feet in length
15 operated by household goods carriers or towaway trailer
16 transporter combinations, with no overall length limitations
17 except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of this Section,
18 have unlimited access to points of loading, ~~and unloading,~~ or
19 delivery to or from a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer.

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

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

26 (2) Semitrailers, unladen or with load, may not exceed

1 53 feet overall dimension.

2 (3) No truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
3 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may exceed 60
4 feet extreme overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

1 mark the dimensions of the load.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight

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

5 New Year's Day;

6 Memorial Day;

7 Independence Day;

8 Labor Day;

9 Thanksgiving Day; and

10 Christmas Day.

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

26 (i) The load upon the front vehicle of an automobile

1 transporter or a stinger-steered vehicle ~~a combination of~~
2 ~~vehicles~~ specifically designed to transport motor vehicles
3 shall not extend more than 4 ~~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 6 ~~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; 97-200, eff. 7-27-11; 97-883, eff. 1-1-13.)

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

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

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

17 The above formula when expressed in tabular form results in
 18 allowable loads as follows:

19	Distance measured	
20	to the nearest	
21	foot between the	
22	extremes of any	Maximum weight in pounds
23	group of 2 or	of any group of
24	more consecutive	2 or more consecutive axles

1	axles					
2	feet	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles
3	4	34,000				
4	5	34,000				
5	6	34,000				
6	7	34,000				
7	8	38,000*	42,000			
8	9	39,000	42,500			
9	10	40,000	43,500			
10	11		44,000			
11	12		45,000	50,000		
12	13		45,500	50,500		
13	14		46,500	51,500		
14	15		47,000	52,000		
15	16		48,000	52,500	58,000	
16	17		48,500	53,500	58,500	
17	18		49,500	54,000	59,000	
18	19		50,000	54,500	60,000	
19	20		51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000
20	21		51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500
21	22		52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000
22	23		53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000
23	24		54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500
24	25		54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000
25	26		55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500
26	27		56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000

1	28	57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000
2	29	57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500
3	30	58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000
4	31	59,000	62,500	67,500	72,500
5	32	60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000
6	33		64,000	68,500	74,000
7	34		64,500	69,000	74,500
8	35		65,500	70,000	75,000
9	36		66,000	70,500	75,500
10	37		66,500	71,000	76,000
11	38		67,500	72,000	77,000
12	39		68,000	72,500	77,500
13	40		68,500	73,000	78,000
14	41		69,500	73,500	78,500
15	42		70,000	74,000	79,000
16	43		70,500	75,000	80,000
17	44		71,500	75,500	
18	45		72,000	76,000	
19	46		72,500	76,500	
20	47		73,500	77,500	
21	48		74,000	78,000	
22	49		74,500	78,500	
23	50		75,500	79,000	
24	51		76,000	80,000	
25	52		76,500		
26	53		77,500		

1	54	78,000
2	55	78,500
3	56	79,500
4	57	80,000

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

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

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

15 Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways
16 under their jurisdiction, without additional fees, may also by
17 ordinance or resolution allow the weight limitations of this
18 subsection, provided the maximum gross weight on any one axle
19 shall not exceed 20,000 pounds and the maximum total weight on
20 any tandem axle shall not exceed 34,000 pounds, on designated
21 highways when appropriate regulatory signs giving notice are
22 erected upon the street or highway or portion of any street or
23 highway affected by the ordinance or resolution.

24 The following are exceptions to the above formula:

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

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

5 (3) Cities having a population of more than 50,000 may
6 permit by ordinance axle loads on 2-axle motor vehicles 33
7 1/2% above those provided for herein, but the increase
8 shall not become effective until the city has officially
9 notified the Department of the passage of the ordinance and
10 shall not apply to those vehicles when outside of the
11 limits of the city, nor shall the gross weight of any
12 2-axle motor vehicle operating over any street of the city
13 exceed 40,000 pounds.

14 (4) Weight limitations shall not apply to vehicles
15 (including loads) operated by a public utility when
16 transporting equipment required for emergency repair of
17 public utility facilities or properties or water wells.

18 (4.5) A 3-axle or 4-axle vehicle (including when laden)
19 operated or hired by a municipality within Cook, Lake,
20 McHenry, Kane, DuPage, or Will county being operated for
21 the purpose of performing emergency sewer repair that would
22 be subject to a weight limitation less than 66,000 pounds
23 under the formula in this subsection (a) shall have a
24 weight limitation of 66,000 pounds or the vehicle's gross
25 vehicle weight rating, whichever is less. This paragraph
26 (4.5) does not apply to vehicles being operated on the

1 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, or to
2 vehicles being operated on bridges or other elevated
3 structures constituting a part of a highway.

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

9 (6) A truck, not in combination and used exclusively
10 for the collection of rendering materials, may, when laden,
11 transmit upon the road surface, except when on part of the
12 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, the
13 following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle;
14 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle.

15 (7) A truck not in combination, equipped with a self
16 compactor or an industrial roll-off hoist and roll-off
17 container, used exclusively for garbage, refuse, or
18 recycling operations, may, when laden, transmit upon the
19 road surface, except when on part of the National System of
20 Interstate and Defense Highways, the following maximum
21 weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a
22 tandem axle; 40,000 pounds gross weight on a 2-axle
23 vehicle; 54,000 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle.
24 This vehicle is not subject to the bridge formula.

25 (7.5) A 3-axle rear discharge truck mixer registered as
26 a Special Hauling Vehicle, used exclusively for the mixing

1 and transportation of concrete in the plastic state, may,
2 when laden, transmit upon the road surface, except when on
3 part of the National System of Interstate and Defense
4 Highways, the following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on
5 single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle; 54,000 pounds
6 gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle. This vehicle is not
7 subject to the bridge formula.

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

21 A 3-axle combination sewer cleaning jetting vacuum
22 truck registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle, used
23 exclusively for the transportation of non-hazardous solid
24 waste, manufactured before or in the model year of 2014,
25 first registered in Illinois before January 1, 2015, may,
26 when laden, transmit upon the road surface, except when on

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

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

22 (10) Combinations of vehicles, registered as Special
23 Hauling Vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured
24 prior to or in the model year of 2024, and registered in
25 Illinois prior to January 1, 2025, having 5 axles with a
26 distance of 42 feet or less between extreme axles, may not

1 exceed the following maximum weights: 20,000 pounds on a
2 single axle; 34,000 pounds on a tandem axle; and 72,000
3 pounds gross weight. This combination of vehicles is not
4 subject to the bridge formula. For all those combinations
5 of vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured after
6 the effective date of P.A. 92-0417, the overall distance
7 between the first and last axles of the 2 sets of tandems
8 must be 18 feet 6 inches or more. Any combination of
9 vehicles that has had its cargo container replaced in its
10 entirety after December 31, 2024 may not exceed the weights
11 allowed by the bridge formula.

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

14 (12) A combination of vehicles, including a tow truck
15 and a disabled vehicle or disabled combination of vehicles,
16 that exceeds the weight restriction imposed by this Code,
17 may be operated on a public highway in this State provided
18 that neither the disabled vehicle nor any vehicle being
19 towed nor the tow truck itself shall exceed the weight
20 limitations permitted under this Chapter. During the
21 towing operation, neither the tow truck nor the vehicle
22 combination shall exceed 24,000 pounds on a single rear
23 axle and 44,000 pounds on a tandem rear axle, provided the
24 towing vehicle:

25 (i) is specifically designed as a tow truck having
26 a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000 pounds

1 and is equipped with air brakes, provided that air
2 brakes are required only if the towing vehicle is
3 towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer
4 combination that is equipped with air brakes;

5 (ii) is equipped with flashing, rotating, or
6 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet
7 in all directions;

8 (iii) is capable of utilizing the lighting and
9 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
10 of vehicles; and

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

20 (12.5) The vehicle weight limitations in this Section
21 do not apply to a covered heavy duty tow and recovery
22 vehicle. The covered heavy duty tow and recovery vehicle
23 license plate must cover the operating empty weight of the
24 covered heavy duty tow and recovery vehicle only.

25 (13) Upon and during a declaration of an emergency
26 propane supply disaster by the Governor under Section 7 of

1 the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act:

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

11 (ii) a truck when in combination with a trailer
12 equipped with a cargo tank used exclusively for the
13 transportation of propane or liquefied petroleum gas
14 may, when laden, transmit upon the road surface, except
15 when on part of the National System of Interstate and
16 Defense Highways, the following maximum weights:
17 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a
18 tandem axle; 90,000 pounds gross weight on a 5-axle or
19 6-axle vehicle.

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

22 (14) A vehicle or combination of vehicles that uses
23 natural gas or propane gas as a motor fuel may exceed the
24 above weight limitations by up to 2,000 pounds, the total
25 allowance is calculated by an amount that is equal to the
26 difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable

1 to the natural gas or propane gas tank and fueling system
2 carried by the vehicle, and the weight of a comparable
3 diesel tank and fueling system ~~except on interstate~~
4 ~~highways as defined by Section 1-133.1 of this Code.~~ This
5 paragraph (14) shall not allow a vehicle to exceed any
6 posted weight limit on a highway or structure.

7 (15) An emergency vehicle that is a vehicle designed to
8 be used under emergency conditions to transport personnel
9 and equipment, and used to support the suppression of fires
10 and mitigation of other hazardous situations, may not
11 exceed 86,000 pounds gross weight, or any of the following
12 weight allowances:

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

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

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

16 (iv) 52,000 pounds on a tandem rear drive steer
17 axle.

18 (16) A bus, motor coach, or recreational vehicle may
19 carry a total weight of 24,000 pounds on a single axle, but
20 may not exceed other weight provisions of this Section.

21 Gross weight limits shall not apply to the combination of
22 the tow truck and vehicles being towed. The tow truck license
23 plate must cover the operating empty weight of the tow truck
24 only. The weight of each vehicle being towed shall be covered
25 by a valid license plate issued to the owner or operator of the
26 vehicle being towed and displayed on that vehicle. If no valid

1 plate issued to the owner or operator of that vehicle is
2 displayed on that vehicle, or the plate displayed on that
3 vehicle does not cover the weight of the vehicle, the weight of
4 the vehicle shall be covered by the third tow truck plate
5 issued to the owner or operator of the tow truck and
6 temporarily affixed to the vehicle being towed. If a roll-back
7 carrier is registered and being used as a tow truck, however,
8 the license plate or plates for the tow truck must cover the
9 gross vehicle weight, including any load carried on the bed of
10 the roll-back carrier.

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

20 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight
21 rating, or GVWR, means the value specified by the manufacturer
22 as the loaded weight of the tow truck.

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

1 (c) No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with
2 pneumatic tires shall be operated, unladen or with load, upon
3 the highways of this State in violation of the provisions of
4 any permit issued under the provisions of Sections 15-301
5 through 15-319 of this Chapter.

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

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

17 (f) The Department upon request from any local authority
18 shall, or upon its own initiative may, conduct an investigation
19 of any bridge or other elevated structure constituting a part
20 of a highway, and if it finds that the structure cannot with
21 safety to itself withstand the weight of vehicles otherwise
22 permissible under this Code the Department shall determine and
23 declare the maximum weight of vehicles that the structures can
24 withstand, and shall cause or permit suitable signs stating
25 maximum weight to be erected and maintained before each end of
26 the structure. No person shall operate a vehicle or combination

1 of vehicles over any structure with a gross weight that is
2 greater than the posted maximum weight.

3 (g) Upon the trial of any person charged with a violation
4 of subsection (e) or (f) of this Section, proof of the
5 determination of the maximum allowable weight by the Department
6 and the existence of the signs, constitutes conclusive evidence
7 of the maximum weight that can be maintained with safety to the
8 bridge or structure.

9 (Source: P.A. 98-409, eff. 1-1-14; 98-410, eff. 8-16-13;
10 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 98-942, eff. 1-1-15; 98-956, eff. 1-1-15;
11 98-1029, eff. 1-1-15; 99-78, eff. 7-20-15.)

12 (625 ILCS 5/15-112) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-112)

13 Sec. 15-112. Officers to weigh vehicles and require removal
14 of excess loads.

15 (a) Any police officer having reason to believe that the
16 weight of a vehicle and load is unlawful shall require the
17 driver to stop and submit to a weighing of the same either by
18 means of a portable or stationary scales that have been tested
19 and approved at a frequency prescribed by the Illinois
20 Department of Agriculture, or for those scales operated by the
21 State, when such tests are requested by the Department of State
22 Police, whichever is more frequent. If such scales are not
23 available at the place where such vehicle is stopped, the
24 police officer shall require that such vehicle be driven to the
25 nearest available scale that has been tested and approved

1 pursuant to this Section by the Illinois Department of
2 Agriculture. Notwithstanding any provisions of the Weights and
3 Measures Act or the United States Department of Commerce NIST
4 handbook 44, multi or single draft weighing is an acceptable
5 method of weighing by law enforcement for determining a
6 violation of Chapter 3 or 15 of this Code. Law enforcement is
7 exempt from the requirements of commercial weighing
8 established in NIST handbook 44.

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

20 (b) Whenever an officer, upon weighing a vehicle and the
21 load, determines that the weight is unlawful, such officer
22 shall require the driver to stop the vehicle in a suitable
23 place and remain standing until such portion of the load is
24 removed as may be necessary to reduce the weight of the vehicle
25 to the limit permitted under this Chapter, or to the limit
26 permitted under the terms of a permit issued pursuant to

1 Sections 15-301 through 15-318 and shall forthwith arrest the
2 driver or owner. All material so unloaded shall be cared for by
3 the owner or operator of the vehicle at the risk of such owner
4 or operator; however, whenever a 3 or 4 axle vehicle with a
5 tandem axle dimension greater than 72 inches, but less than 96
6 inches and registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle is
7 transporting asphalt or concrete in the plastic state that
8 exceeds axle weight or gross weight limits by less than 4,000
9 pounds, the owner or operator of the vehicle shall accept the
10 arrest ticket or tickets for the alleged violations under this
11 Section and proceed without shifting or reducing the load being
12 transported or may shift or reduce the load under the
13 provisions of subsection (d) or (e) of this Section, when
14 applicable. Any fine imposed following an overweight violation
15 by a vehicle registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle
16 transporting asphalt or concrete in the plastic state shall be
17 paid as provided in subsection 4 of paragraph (a) of Section
18 16-105 of this Code.

19 (c) The Department of Transportation may, at the request of
20 the Department of State Police, erect appropriate regulatory
21 signs on any State highway directing second division vehicles
22 to a scale. The Department of Transportation may also, at the
23 direction of any State Police officer, erect portable
24 regulating signs on any highway directing second division
25 vehicles to a portable scale. Every such vehicle, pursuant to
26 such sign, shall stop and be weighed.

1 (d) Whenever any axle load of a vehicle exceeds the axle or
2 tandem axle weight limits permitted by paragraph (a) of Section
3 15-111 by 2000 pounds or less, the owner or operator of the
4 vehicle must shift or remove the excess so as to comply with
5 paragraph (a) of Section 15-111. No overweight arrest ticket
6 shall be issued to the owner or operator of the vehicle by any
7 officer if the excess weight is shifted or removed as required
8 by this paragraph.

9 (e) Whenever the gross weight of a vehicle with a
10 registered gross weight of 77,000 pounds or less exceeds the
11 weight limits of paragraph (a) of Section 15-111 of this
12 Chapter by 2000 pounds or less, the owner or operator of the
13 vehicle must remove the excess. Whenever the gross weight of a
14 vehicle with a registered gross weight over 77,000 pounds or
15 more exceeds the weight limits of paragraph (a) of Section
16 15-111 by 1,000 pounds or less or 2,000 pounds or less if
17 weighed on wheel load weighers, the owner or operator of the
18 vehicle must remove the excess. In either case no arrest ticket
19 for any overweight violation of this Code shall be issued to
20 the owner or operator of the vehicle by any officer if the
21 excess weight is removed as required by this paragraph. A
22 person who has been granted a special permit under Section
23 15-301 of this Code shall not be granted a tolerance on wheel
24 load weighers.

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

26 (1) A vehicle with a fully functional APU shall be

1 allowed an additional 550 ~~400~~ pounds or the certified unit
2 weight, whichever is less. The additional pounds may be
3 allowed in gross, axles, or bridge formula weight limits
4 above the legal weight limits except when overweight on an
5 axle or axles of the towed unit or units in combination.
6 This tolerance shall be given in addition to the limits in
7 subsection (d) of this Section.

8 (2) An operator of a vehicle equipped with an APU shall
9 carry written certification showing the weight of the APU,
10 which shall be displayed upon the request of any law
11 enforcement officer.

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

14 (4) This allowance may not be granted above the weight
15 limits specified on any loads permitted under Section
16 15-301 of this Code.

17 (f) Whenever an axle load of a vehicle exceeds axle weight
18 limits allowed by the provisions of a permit an arrest ticket
19 shall be issued, but the owner or operator of the vehicle may
20 shift the load so as to comply with the provisions of the
21 permit. Where such shifting of a load to comply with the permit
22 is accomplished, the owner or operator of the vehicle may then
23 proceed.

24 (g) Any driver of a vehicle who refuses to stop and submit
25 his vehicle and load to weighing after being directed to do so
26 by an officer or removes or causes the removal of the load or

1 part of it prior to weighing is guilty of a business offense
2 and shall be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,000.

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

4 (625 ILCS 5/15-301) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-301)

5 Sec. 15-301. Permits for excess size and weight.

6 (a) The Department with respect to highways under its
7 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways
8 under their jurisdiction may, in their discretion, upon
9 application and good cause being shown therefor, issue a
10 special permit authorizing the applicant to operate or move a
11 vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of
12 vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this Act or
13 otherwise not in conformity with this Act upon any highway
14 under the jurisdiction of the party granting such permit and
15 for the maintenance of which the party is responsible.
16 Applications and permits other than those in written or printed
17 form may only be accepted from and issued to the company or
18 individual making the movement. Except for an application to
19 move directly across a highway, it shall be the duty of the
20 applicant to establish in the application that the load to be
21 moved by such vehicle or combination cannot reasonably be
22 dismantled or disassembled, the reasonableness of which shall
23 be determined by the Secretary of the Department. For the
24 purpose of over length movements, more than one object may be
25 carried side by side as long as the height, width, and weight

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

23 (b) The application for any such permit shall: (1) state
24 whether such permit is requested for a single trip or for
25 limited continuous operation; (2) state if the applicant is an
26 authorized carrier under the Illinois Motor Carrier of Property

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

19 (c) The Department or local authority when not inconsistent
20 with traffic safety is authorized to issue or withhold such
21 permit at its discretion; or, if such permit is issued at its
22 discretion to prescribe the route or routes to be traveled, to
23 limit the number of trips, to establish seasonal or other time
24 limitations within which the vehicles described may be operated
25 on the highways indicated, or otherwise to limit or prescribe
26 conditions of operations of such vehicle or vehicles, when

1 necessary to assure against undue damage to the road
2 foundations, surfaces or structures, and may require such
3 undertaking or other security as may be deemed necessary to
4 compensate for any injury to any roadway or road structure. The
5 Department shall maintain a daily record of each permit issued
6 along with the fee and the stipulated dimensions, weights,
7 conditions and restrictions authorized and this record shall be
8 presumed correct in any case of questions or dispute. The
9 Department shall install an automatic device for recording
10 applications received and permits issued by telephone. In
11 making application by telephone, the Department and applicant
12 waive all objections to the recording of the conversation.

13 (d) The Department shall, upon application in writing from
14 any local authority, issue an annual permit authorizing the
15 local authority to move oversize highway construction,
16 transportation, utility and maintenance equipment over roads
17 under the jurisdiction of the Department. The permit shall be
18 applicable only to equipment and vehicles owned by or
19 registered in the name of the local authority, and no fee shall
20 be charged for the issuance of such permits.

21 (e) As an exception to paragraph (a) of this Section, the
22 Department and local authorities, with respect to highways
23 under their respective jurisdictions, in their discretion and
24 upon application in writing may issue a special permit for
25 limited continuous operation, authorizing the applicant to
26 move loads of agricultural commodities on a 2 axle single

1 vehicle registered by the Secretary of State with axle loads
2 not to exceed 35%, on a 3 or 4 axle vehicle registered by the
3 Secretary of State with axle loads not to exceed 20%, and on a
4 5 axle vehicle registered by the Secretary of State not to
5 exceed 10% above those provided in Section 15-111. The total
6 gross weight of the vehicle, however, may not exceed the
7 maximum gross weight of the registration class of the vehicle
8 allowed under Section 3-815 or 3-818 of this Code.

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

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

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

15 (3) ensilage; and

16 (4) fruits and vegetables.

17 Permits may be issued for a period not to exceed 40 days
18 and moves may be made of a distance not to exceed 50 miles from
19 a field, an on-farm grain storage facility, a warehouse as
20 defined in the Illinois Grain Code, or a livestock management
21 facility as defined in the Livestock Management Facilities Act
22 over any highway except the National System of Interstate and
23 Defense Highways. The operator of the vehicle, however, must
24 abide by posted bridge and posted highway weight limits. All
25 implements of husbandry operating under this Section between
26 sunset and sunrise shall be equipped as prescribed in Section

1 12-205.1.

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

16 (f) The form and content of the permit shall be determined
17 by the Department with respect to highways under its
18 jurisdiction and by local authorities with respect to highways
19 under their jurisdiction. Every permit shall be in written form
20 and carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which
21 it refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer
22 or authorized agent of any authority granting the permit and no
23 person shall violate any of the terms or conditions of such
24 special permit. Violation of the terms and conditions of the
25 permit shall not be deemed a revocation of the permit; however,
26 any vehicle and load found to be off the route prescribed in

1 the permit shall be held to be operating without a permit. Any
2 off route vehicle and load shall be required to obtain a new
3 permit or permits, as necessary, to authorize the movement back
4 onto the original permit routing. No rule or regulation, nor
5 anything herein shall be construed to authorize any police
6 officer, court, or authorized agent of any authority granting
7 the permit to remove the permit from the possession of the
8 permittee unless the permittee is charged with a fraudulent
9 permit violation as provided in paragraph (i). However, upon
10 arrest for an offense of violation of permit, operating without
11 a permit when the vehicle is off route, or any size or weight
12 offense under this Chapter when the permittee plans to raise
13 the issuance of the permit as a defense, the permittee, or his
14 agent, must produce the permit at any court hearing concerning
15 the alleged offense.

16 If the permit designates and includes a routing to a
17 certified scale, the permittee, while enroute to the designated
18 scale, shall be deemed in compliance with the weight provisions
19 of the permit provided the axle or gross weights do not exceed
20 any of the permitted limits by more than the following amounts:

21	Single axle	2000 pounds
22	Tandem axle	3000 pounds
23	Gross	5000 pounds

24 (g) The Department is authorized to adopt, amend, and to
25 make available to interested persons a policy concerning
26 reasonable rules, limitations and conditions or provisions of

1 operation upon highways under its jurisdiction in addition to
2 those contained in this Section for the movement by special
3 permit of vehicles, combinations, or loads which cannot
4 reasonably be dismantled or disassembled, including
5 manufactured and modular home sections and portions thereof.
6 All rules, limitations and conditions or provisions adopted in
7 the policy shall have due regard for the safety of the
8 traveling public and the protection of the highway system and
9 shall have been promulgated in conformity with the provisions
10 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The requirements
11 of the policy for flagmen and escort vehicles shall be the same
12 for all moves of comparable size and weight. When escort
13 vehicles are required, they shall meet the following
14 requirements:

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

17 (2) Vehicles escorting oversized loads more than
18 12-feet wide must be equipped with a rotating or flashing
19 amber light mounted on top as specified under Section
20 12-215.

21 The Department shall establish reasonable rules and
22 regulations regarding liability insurance or self insurance
23 for vehicles with oversized loads promulgated under The
24 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Police vehicles may be
25 required for escort under circumstances as required by rules
26 and regulations of the Department.

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

17 (i) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made under
18 a fraudulent permit the permit shall be void, and the person,
19 firm, or corporation to whom such permit was granted, the
20 driver of such vehicle in addition to the person who issued
21 such permit and any accessory, shall be guilty of fraud and
22 either one or all persons may be prosecuted for such violation.
23 Any person, firm, or corporation committing such violation
24 shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony and the Department shall
25 not issue permits to the person, firm or corporation convicted
26 of such violation for a period of one year after the date of

1 conviction. Penalties for violations of this Section shall be
2 in addition to any penalties imposed for violation of other
3 Sections of this Act.

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

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

25 (l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,
26 the Department, with respect to highways under its

1 jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to highways
2 under their jurisdiction, may at their discretion authorize the
3 movement of a vehicle in violation of any size or weight
4 requirement, or both, that would not ordinarily be eligible for
5 a permit, when there is a showing of extreme necessity that the
6 vehicle and load should be moved without unnecessary delay.

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

11 (m) Penalties for violations of this Section shall be in
12 addition to any penalties imposed for violating any other
13 Section of this Code.

14 (n) The Department with respect to highways under its
15 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways
16 under their jurisdiction, in their discretion and upon
17 application in writing, may issue a special permit for
18 continuous limited operation, authorizing the applicant to
19 operate a tow-truck that exceeds the weight limits provided for
20 in subsection (a) of Section 15-111, provided:

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

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

25 (2.1) no triple rear axle on a manufactured recovery
26 unit exceeds 60,000 pounds;

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

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

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

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

12 (7) the tow-truck is specifically designed and
13 licensed as a tow-truck;

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

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

17 (10) the tow-truck is capable of utilizing the lighting
18 and braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
19 of vehicles;

20 (11) the tow commences at the initial point of wreck or
21 disablement and terminates at a point where the repairs are
22 actually to occur;

23 (12) the permit issued to the tow-truck is carried in
24 the tow-truck and exhibited on demand by a police officer;
25 and

26 (13) the movement shall be valid only on state routes

1 approved by the Department.

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

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

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

11 ~~(3) permits issued by the State are good only for~~
12 ~~federal and State highways and are not applicable to~~
13 ~~interstate highways; and~~

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

15 (p) In determining whether a load may be reasonably
16 dismantled or disassembled for the purpose of paragraph (a),
17 the Department shall consider whether there is a significant
18 negative impact on the condition of the pavement and structures
19 along the proposed route, whether the load or vehicle as
20 proposed causes a safety hazard to the traveling public,
21 whether dismantling or disassembling the load promotes or
22 stifles economic development and whether the proposed route
23 travels less than 5 miles. A load is not required to be
24 dismantled or disassembled for the purposes of paragraph (a) if
25 the Secretary of the Department determines there will be no
26 significant negative impact to pavement or structures along the

1 proposed route, the proposed load or vehicle causes no safety
2 hazard to the traveling public, dismantling or disassembling
3 the load does not promote economic development and the proposed
4 route travels less than 5 miles. The Department may promulgate
5 rules for the purpose of establishing the divisibility of a
6 load pursuant to paragraph (a). Any load determined by the
7 Secretary to be nondivisible shall otherwise comply with the
8 existing size or weight maximums specified in this Chapter.

9 (Source: P.A. 97-201, eff. 1-1-12; 97-479, eff. 8-22-11;
10 97-813, eff. 7-13-12.)

11 (625 ILCS 5/15-308.3 rep.)

12 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
13 repealing Section 15-308.3.

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.