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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1390

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1390 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

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

7 Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

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

10 (1) Semitrailers.

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

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

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

3 (1) A truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer
4 may not exceed 65 ~~55~~ feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

1 load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

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

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

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

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

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

18 (2) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one converter
19 dolly or one semitrailer.

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

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

25 (5) Recreational vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,
26 provided the following:

1 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 60
2 feet.

3 (B) The towing vehicle is a properly registered
4 vehicle capable of towing another vehicle using a
5 fifth-wheel type assembly.

6 (C) The second vehicle in the combination of
7 vehicles is a recreational vehicle that is towed by a
8 fifth-wheel assembly. This vehicle must be properly
9 registered and must be equipped with brakes,
10 regardless of weight.

11 (D) The third vehicle must be the lightest of the 3
12 vehicles and be a trailer or semitrailer designed or
13 used for transporting a boat, all-terrain vehicle,
14 personal watercraft, or motorcycle.

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

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

21 (6) A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle
22 or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the towing
23 vehicle:

24 (A) Is specifically designed as a tow truck having
25 a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000 pounds
26 and equipped with air brakes, provided that air brakes

1 are required only if the towing vehicle is towing a
2 vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer combination
3 that is equipped with air brakes. For the purpose of
4 this subsection, gross vehicle weight rating, or GVWR,
5 means the value specified by the manufacturer as the
6 loaded weight of the tow truck.

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

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

13 (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway
14 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement to
15 a place of repair. Any additional movement of the
16 vehicles may occur only upon issuance of authorization
17 for that movement under the provisions of Sections
18 15-301 through 15-319 of this Code.

19 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe
20 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a
21 tow truck towing another vehicle.

22 For purposes of this Section, a tow-dolly that merely
23 serves as substitute wheels for another legally licensed
24 vehicle is considered part of the licensed vehicle and not
25 a separate vehicle.

26 (7) Commercial vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,

1 provided the following:

2 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 65
3 feet.

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

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

9 (D) All vehicles must be properly equipped with
10 operating brakes and safety equipment required by this
11 Code.

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

14 (F) The combination of vehicles must be en route to
15 a location where new or used trailers are sold by an
16 Illinois or out-of-state licensed new or used trailer
17 dealer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (d) On Class I highways there are no overall length
17 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations
18 provided:

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

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

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

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

13 (6) Stinger steered semitrailer vehicles as defined in
14 Chapter 1, specifically designed to transport motor
15 vehicles or boats, may not exceed 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 (7) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled
21 together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed 75
22 feet overall dimension.

23 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when transporting
24 poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural
25 nature that cannot readily be dismembered are exempt from
26 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 The length limitations described in this paragraph (d)
20 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,
21 such as bumpers, refrigeration units or air compressors and
22 other devices, that the Department may interpret as necessary
23 for safe and efficient operation; except that no device
24 excluded under this paragraph shall have by its design or use
25 the capability to carry cargo.

26 Section 5-35 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act

1 relating to procedures for rulemaking shall not apply to the
2 designation of highways under this paragraph (d).

3 (e) On Class II highways there are no overall length
4 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations,
5 provided:

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

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

15 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
16 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may not exceed
17 65 feet in dimension from front axle to rear axle.

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

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

24 (6) A combination of vehicles, specifically designed
25 to transport motor vehicles or boats, may not exceed 65
26 feet overall dimension. The length limitation is inclusive

1 of front and rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of
2 the transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of
3 this Section.

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

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

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

25 Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en
26 route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities or

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (1) From any State designated highway onto any county,
26 township, or municipal highway for a distance of 5 highway

1 miles for the purpose of loading and unloading, provided:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any State
26 highway or any locally designated highway for a distance of

1 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading, unloading,
2 food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

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

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

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

14 (2) Semitrailers, unladen or with load, may not exceed
15 53 feet overall dimension.

16 (3) No truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck
17 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may exceed 60
18 feet extreme overall dimension.

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

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

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

9 (2) Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility
10 while en route to make emergency repairs to public service
11 facilities or properties, but during night operation every
12 vehicle and its load must be equipped with a sufficient
13 number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps
14 upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly
15 mark the dimensions of the load.

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

19 (A) It is specifically designed as a tow truck
20 having a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000
21 pounds and equipped with air brakes, provided that air
22 brakes are required only if the towing vehicle is
23 towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer
24 combination that is equipped with air brakes.

25 (B) It is equipped with flashing, rotating, or
26 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet

1 in all directions.

2 (C) It is capable of utilizing the lighting and
3 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination
4 of vehicles.

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

7 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe
8 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a tow
9 truck towing another vehicle. The towing vehicle, however, may
10 tow any disabled vehicle from the initial point of wreck or
11 disablement to a point where repairs are actually to occur.
12 This movement shall be valid only on State routes. The tower
13 must abide by posted bridge weight limits.

14 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight
15 rating, or GVWR, shall mean the value specified by the
16 manufacturer as the loaded weight of the tow truck. Legal
17 holidays referred to in this Section shall be specified as the
18 day on which the following traditional holidays are celebrated:

19 New Year's Day;
20 Memorial Day;
21 Independence Day;
22 Labor Day;
23 Thanksgiving Day; and
24 Christmas Day.

25 (h) The load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the load
26 upon the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles, shall not

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

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

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

1 1. operated by or for any public body or motor carrier
2 authorized by law to provide public transportation
3 services; or

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

7 (j-1) (Blank).

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

11 (l) (Blank).

12 (Source: P.A. 96-34, eff. 1-1-10; 96-37, eff. 7-13-09; 96-1352,
13 eff. 7-28-10; 97-200, eff. 7-27-11; 97-883, eff. 1-1-13.)".