

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing 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
9 highway of this State may not exceed 42 feet except the
10 following:

11 (1) Semitrailers.

12 (2) Charter or regulated route buses may be up to
13 45 feet in length, not including energy absorbing
14 bumpers.

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

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

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

24 (2) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer may not
25 exceed 60 feet overall dimension.

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

29 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when
30 transporting poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a
31 structural nature that cannot readily be dismembered are

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

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

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

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

22 (c) Combinations of vehicles may not exceed a total of 2
23 vehicles except the following:

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

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

28 (3) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one
29 vehicle that is defined in Chapter 1 as special mobile
30 equipment, provided the overall dimension does not exceed
31 60 feet.

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

34 (5) Recreational vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,

1 provided the following:

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

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

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

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

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

19 (F) All vehicles must be properly equipped
20 with operating brakes and safety equipment required
21 by this Code, except the additional brake
22 requirement in subdivision (C) of this subparagraph
23 (5).

24 (6) A tow truck in combination with a disabled
25 vehicle or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the
26 towing vehicle:

27 (A) Is specifically designed as a tow truck
28 having a gross vehicle weight rating of at least
29 18,000 pounds and equipped with air brakes, provided
30 that air brakes are required only if the towing
31 vehicle is towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or
32 tractor-trailer combination that is equipped with
33 air brakes. For the purpose of this subsection,
34 gross vehicle weight rating, or GVWR, means the

1 value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded
2 weight of the tow truck.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (1) The length of a semitrailer, unladen or with
26 load, in combination with a truck tractor may not exceed
27 53 feet.

28 (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center
29 of the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in
30 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet
31 6 inches.

32 (3) The length of a semitrailer or trailer, unladen
33 or with load, operated in a truck
34 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination, may not exceed

1 28 feet 6 inches.

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

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

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

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

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

31 Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en
32 route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities
33 or properties are exempt from length limitations, provided
34 that during night operations every vehicle and its load must

1 be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on
2 both sides and marker lamps on the extreme ends of any
3 projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

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

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

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

18 (e) On Class II highways there are no overall length
19 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations,
20 provided:

21 (1) The length of a semitrailer, unladen or with
22 load, in combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed
23 53 feet overall dimension.

24 (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center
25 of the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in
26 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet
27 6 inches.

28 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination
29 may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

30 (4) The length of a semitrailer or trailer, unladen
31 or with load, operated in a truck
32 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination, may not exceed
33 28 feet 6 inches.

34 (5) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter

1 1, may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

29 Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en
30 route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities
31 or properties are exempt from length limitations, provided
32 that during night operations every vehicle and its load must
33 be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on
34 both sides and marker lamps on the extreme ends of any

1 projecting 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
4 (6) of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length
5 limitations.

6 Local authorities and road district commissioners, with
7 respect to streets and highways under their jurisdiction, may
8 also by ordinance or resolution allow length limitations of
9 this subsection (e).

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

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

19 (1) From any State designated highway onto any
20 county, township, or municipal highway for a distance of
21 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading and unloading,
22 provided:

23 (A) The vehicle does not exceed 73,280 pounds
24 in 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
27 thoroughfare between State designated highways.

28 (2) From any State designated highway onto any
29 county or township highway for a distance of 5 highway
30 miles or onto any municipal highway for a distance of one
31 highway mile for the purpose of food, fuel, repairs, and
32 rest, provided:

33 (A) The vehicle does not exceed 73,280 pounds
34 in gross weight and 8 feet 6 inches in width.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (3) No truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer
33 combination may exceed 60 feet extreme overall dimension.

34 (4) The distance between the kingpin and the center

1 axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in combination
2 with a truck tractor, may not exceed 42 feet 6 inches.

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

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

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

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

23 (A) It is specifically designed as a tow truck
24 having a gross vehicle weight rating of at least
25 18,000 pounds and equipped with air brakes, provided
26 that air brakes are required only if the towing
27 vehicle is towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or
28 tractor-trailer combination that is equipped with
29 air brakes.

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

33 (C) It is capable of utilizing the lighting
34 and braking systems of the disabled vehicle or

1 combination of vehicles.

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

5 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe
6 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a
7 tow truck towing another vehicle.

8 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight
9 rating, or GVWR, shall mean the value specified by the
10 manufacturer as the loaded weight of the tow truck. Legal
11 holidays referred to in this Section shall be specified as
12 the day on which the following traditional holidays are
13 celebrated:

- 14 New Year's Day;
- 15 Memorial Day;
- 16 Independence Day;
- 17 Labor Day;
- 18 Thanksgiving Day; and
- 19 Christmas Day.

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

1 vehicle if it is equipped with a front bumper.

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

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

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

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

22 (j-1) (Blank).

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

26 (l) (Blank).

27 (Source: P.A. 92-417, eff. 1-1-02.)