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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 899

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 899 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Sections 15-107 and 15-116 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)  
16 shall be exclusive of energy-absorbing bumpers and rear view

1 mirrors.

2 (b) The Department shall have the authority to restrict  
3 vehicle length on its roadways as it deems appropriate.

4 ~~(Blank).~~

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

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

9 (2) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one converter  
10 dolly or one semitrailer.

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

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

16 (5) Recreational vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,  
17 provided the following:

18 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 60  
19 feet.

20 (B) The towing vehicle is a properly registered  
21 vehicle capable of towing another vehicle using a  
22 fifth-wheel type assembly.

23 (C) The second vehicle in the combination of  
24 vehicles is a recreational vehicle that is towed by a  
25 fifth-wheel assembly. This vehicle must be properly  
26 registered and must be equipped with brakes,

1           regardless of weight.

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

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

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

12          (6) A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle  
13          or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the towing  
14          vehicle:

15                (A) Is specifically designed as a tow truck having  
16                a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000  
17                pounds and equipped with air brakes, provided that air  
18                brakes are required only if the towing vehicle is  
19                towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer  
20                combination that is equipped with air brakes. For the  
21                purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight  
22                rating, or GVWR, means the value specified by the  
23                manufacturer as the loaded weight of the tow truck.

24                (B) Is equipped with flashing, rotating, or  
25                oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500  
26                feet in all directions.

1           (C) Is capable of utilizing the lighting and  
2           braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination  
3           of vehicles.

4           (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway  
5           miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement  
6           to a place of repair. Any additional movement of the  
7           vehicles may occur only upon issuance of authorization  
8           for that movement under the provisions of Sections  
9           15-301 through 15-318 of this Code.

10          The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe  
11          additional requirements regarding length limitations for a  
12          tow truck towing another vehicle.

13          For purposes of this Section, a tow-dolly that merely  
14          serves as substitute wheels for another legally licensed  
15          vehicle is considered part of the licensed vehicle and not  
16          a separate vehicle.

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

19                (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 65  
20                feet.

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

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

26                (D) All vehicles must be properly equipped with

1 operating brakes and safety equipment required by this  
2 Code.

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

6 (F) The combination of vehicles must be en route  
7 to a location where new or used trailers are sold by an  
8 Illinois or out-of-state licensed new or used trailer  
9 dealer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10          (d) On Class I highways there are no overall length  
11 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations  
12 provided:

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

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

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

26           (4) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter 1,

1 may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

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

8 (6) Stinger-steered semitrailer vehicles specifically  
9 designed to transport motor vehicles or boats and  
10 automobile transporters, as defined in Chapter 1, may not  
11 exceed 80 feet overall dimension. The length limitation is  
12 inclusive of front and rear bumpers but exclusive of the  
13 overhang of the transported vehicles, as provided in  
14 paragraph (i) of this Section.

15 (7) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled  
16 together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed  
17 97 feet overall dimension.

18 (8) A towaway trailer transporter combination may not  
19 exceed 82 feet overall dimension.

20 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when transporting  
21 poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural  
22 nature that cannot readily be dismantled or disassembled 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,

1 or legal holiday. Legal holidays referred to in this Section  
2 are the days on which the following traditional holidays are  
3 celebrated: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day;  
4 Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

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

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

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

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

26 (e) On Class II highways there are no overall length



1 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations,  
2 provided:

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

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

12 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck  
13 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may not exceed  
14 65 feet in dimension from front axle to rear axle.

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

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

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

1           (7) Stinger-steered semitrailer vehicles specifically  
2           designed to transport motor vehicles or boats may not  
3           exceed 80 feet overall dimension. The length limitation is  
4           inclusive of front and rear bumpers but exclusive of the  
5           overhang of the transported vehicles, as provided in  
6           paragraph (i) of this Section.

7           (8) A truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled  
8           together by the triple saddlemount method may not exceed  
9           97 feet overall dimension.

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

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

23          Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en  
24          route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities  
25          or properties are exempt from length limitations, provided  
26          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 Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways  
9 under their jurisdiction, may also by ordinance or resolution  
10 allow length limitations of this subsection (e).

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

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

21 (e-1) (Blank).

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

26 (1) From a Class I highway onto any street or highway

1 for a distance of one highway mile for the purpose of  
2 loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest,  
3 provided there is no sign prohibiting that access.

4 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any  
5 non-designated highway for a distance of 5 highway miles  
6 for the purpose of loading, unloading, food, fuel,  
7 repairs, and rest if:

8 (A) there is no sign prohibiting that access; and

9 (B) the route is not being used as a thoroughfare

10 between Class I or Class II highways.

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

17 (f) On non-designated highways, the maximum length  
18 limitations for vehicles in combination are as follows:

19 (1) A truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer  
20 may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension. ~~An agency or~~  
21 ~~instrumentality of the State or any unit of local~~  
22 ~~government shall not be required to design or construct a~~  
23 ~~new non-designated highway or to widen or otherwise alter~~  
24 ~~a non-designated highway to accommodate truck~~  
25 ~~tractor semitrailer combinations under this paragraph (1).~~

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

1 53 feet overall dimension.

2 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck  
3 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer may not exceed 60 feet  
4 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 An agency or instrumentality of the State or any unit of  
12 local government shall not be required to design, construct,  
13 alter, widen, or maintain any non-designated highway to  
14 accommodate vehicles in combination under this subsection (f).  
15 For the purposes of designing or modifying the intersection of  
16 a local roadway and a State roadway that does not accommodate  
17 vehicles under this subsection (f), either the Department or  
18 local government may, in its sole discretion with respect to  
19 its respective roadway, restrict the length of vehicles  
20 turning on to or off of its respective roadway. A restriction  
21 so determined and declared by the Department or the local  
22 government becomes effective, when appropriate signs giving  
23 notice of the limit are erected. Each governmental entity  
24 shall cause signage to be installed on its respective roadway  
25 to notify vehicles of turning and length restrictions.  
26 Vehicles that exceed posted measurements shall be prohibited

1 from turning to access the roadway.

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

4 (1) Vehicles operated in the daytime, except on  
5 Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays, when transporting  
6 poles, pipe, machinery, or other objects of a structural  
7 nature that cannot readily be dismantled or disassembled,  
8 provided the overall length of vehicle and load may not  
9 exceed 100 feet and no object exceeding 80 feet in length  
10 may be transported unless a permit has been obtained as  
11 authorized in Section 15-301. As used in this Section,  
12 "legal holiday" means any of the following days: New  
13 Year's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day;  
14 Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

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

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

26 The towing vehicle, however, may tow any disabled vehicle

1 from the initial point of wreck or disablement to a point where  
2 repairs are actually to occur. This movement shall be valid  
3 only on State routes. The tower must abide by posted bridge  
4 weight limits.

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

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

23 (i) The load upon the front vehicle of an automobile  
24 transporter or a stinger-steered vehicle specifically designed  
25 to transport motor vehicles shall not extend more than 4 feet  
26 beyond the foremost part of the transporting vehicle and the

1 load upon the rear transporting vehicle shall not extend more  
2 than 6 feet beyond the rear of the bed or body of the vehicle.  
3 This paragraph shall only be applicable upon highways  
4 designated in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this Section.

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

10 1. operated by or for any public body or motor carrier  
11 authorized by law to provide public transportation  
12 services; or

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

16 (j-1) (Blank).

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

20 (l) (Blank).

21 (Source: P.A. 102-124, eff. 7-23-21; 103-258, eff. 1-1-24.)

22 (625 ILCS 5/15-116)

23 Sec. 15-116. Highway designations.

24 (a) The Department of Transportation shall maintain and  
25 provide a listing of all Class I and Class II designated



1 streets and highways as defined in Chapter 1 of this Code.

2 (b) The Department shall also maintain and provide a  
3 listing of all local streets or highways that have been  
4 designated Class II by local agencies.

5 (c) Local agencies shall be responsible for reporting to  
6 the Department all streets and highways under their  
7 jurisdiction designated Class II. Local agencies shall also  
8 provide to the Department reference contact names and  
9 telephone numbers.

10 (d) The Department shall also maintain and provide an  
11 official map of the Designated State Truck Route System that  
12 includes State and local streets and highways that have been  
13 designated Class I or Class II.

14 (e) If a unit of local government has no Class II  
15 designated truck routes, the unit of local government shall  
16 affirm to the Department that it has no such truck routes.

17 (f) Each unit of local government shall report to the  
18 Department, and the Department shall post on its official  
19 website, any limitations prohibiting the operation of vehicles  
20 imposed by ordinance or resolution in the unit of local  
21 government's non-designated highway system and any  
22 non-designated highway that is not designed and constructed  
23 after January 1, 2024 ~~2023~~ to the overall length dimension of  
24 vehicles permitted under ~~paragraph (1) of~~ subsection (f) of  
25 Section 15-107.

26 (Source: P.A. 103-258, eff. 1-1-24.)".