

1 AN ACT in relation to motor carriers.

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 adding Section 1-126.1 and changing Sections 15-101, 15-102,  
6 15-103, 15-106, 15-107, 15-111, 15-112, and 15-316 as  
7 follows:

8 (625 ILCS 5/1-126.1 new)

9 Sec. 1-126.1. Highway Designations. The Department of  
10 Transportation may designate streets or highways in the  
11 system of State highways as follows:

12 (a) Class I highways include interstate highways,  
13 expressways, tollways, and other highways deemed  
14 appropriate by the department.

15 (b) Class II highways include major arterials not  
16 built to interstate highway standards that have at least  
17 11 feet lane widths.

18 (c) Class III highways include those State highways  
19 that have lane widths of less than 11 feet.

20 (d) Non-designated highways are highways in the  
21 system of State highways not designated as Class I, II,  
22 or III, or local highways which are part of any county,  
23 township, municipal, or district road system. Local  
24 authorities also may designate Class II or Class III  
25 highways within their systems of highways.

26 (625 ILCS 5/15-101) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-101)

27 Sec. 15-101. Scope and effect of Chapter 15. (a) It is  
28 unlawful for any person to drive or move on, upon or across  
29 or for the owner to cause or knowingly permit to be driven or  
30 moved on, upon or across any highway any vehicle or vehicles

1 of a size and weight exceeding the limitations stated in this  
 2 Chapter or otherwise in violation of this Chapter, and the  
 3 maximum size and weight of vehicles herein specified shall be  
 4 lawful throughout this State, and local authorities shall  
 5 have no power or authority to alter such limitations except  
 6 as express authority may be granted in this Chapter.

7 (b) The provisions of this Chapter governing size,  
 8 weight and load do not apply to fire apparatus or equipment  
 9 for snow and ice removal operations owned or operated by any  
 10 governmental body, or to implements of husbandry, as defined  
 11 in Chapter 1 of this Code, temporarily operated or towed in a  
 12 combination upon a highway provided such combination does not  
 13 consist of more than 3 vehicles or, in the case of hauling  
 14 fresh, perishable fruits or vegetables from farm to the point  
 15 of first processing, not more than 3 wagons being towed by an  
 16 implement of husbandry, or to a vehicle operated under the  
 17 terms of a special permit issued hereunder.

18 (Source: P.A. 83-831.)

19 (625 ILCS 5/15-102) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-102)  
 20 Sec. 15-102. Width of Vehicles.

21 (a) On Class III and non-designated State and local  
 22 highways, Except-as-otherwise-provided--in--this--Section--or  
 23 this--Code, the total outside width of any vehicle or load  
 24 thereon shall not exceed 8 feet.

25 (b) Except during those times when, due to insufficient  
 26 light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and  
 27 vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a  
 28 distance of 1000 feet, the following vehicles may exceed the  
 29 8 feet limitation during the period from a half hour before  
 30 sunrise to a half hour after sunset:

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

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

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

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

24           (B) Flags shall be displayed so as to wave  
25 freely at the extremities of overwidth objects and  
26 at the extreme ends of all protrusions, projections,  
27 and overhangs. All flags shall be clean, bright red  
28 flags with no advertising, wording, emblem, or  
29 insignia inscribed upon them and at least 18 inches  
30 square.

31           (C) "OVERSIZE LOAD" signs are mandatory on the  
32 front and rear of all vehicles with loads over 10  
33 feet wide. These signs must have 12-inch high black  
34 letters with a 2-inch stroke on a yellow sign that

1 is 7 feet wide by 18 inches high.

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

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

10 (1) The civilian escort vehicle shall be  
11 a passenger car or a second division vehicle  
12 not exceeding a gross vehicle weight of 8,000  
13 pounds that is designed to afford clear and  
14 unobstructed vision to both front and rear.

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

17 (3) While in use, the escort vehicle must  
18 be equipped with illuminated rotating,  
19 oscillating, or flashing amber lights or  
20 flashing amber strobe lights mounted on top  
21 that are of sufficient intensity to be visible  
22 at 500 feet in normal sunlight.

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

28 (5) When only one escort vehicle is  
29 required and it is operating on a two-lane  
30 highway, the escort vehicle shall travel  
31 approximately 300 feet ahead of the load. The  
32 rotating, oscillating, or flashing lights or  
33 flashing amber strobe lights and an "OVERSIZE  
34 LOAD" sign shall be displayed on the escort

1 vehicle and shall be visible from the front.  
2 When only one escort vehicle is required and it  
3 is operating on a multilane divided highway,  
4 the escort vehicle shall travel approximately  
5 300 feet behind the load and the sign and  
6 lights shall be visible from the rear.

7 (6) When 2 escort vehicles are required,  
8 one escort shall travel approximately 300 feet  
9 ahead of the load and the second escort shall  
10 travel approximately 300 feet behind the load.  
11 The rotating, oscillating, or flashing lights  
12 or flashing amber strobe lights and an  
13 "OVERSIZE LOAD" sign shall be displayed on the  
14 escort vehicles and shall be visible from the  
15 front on the lead escort and from the rear on  
16 the trailing escort.

17 (7) When traveling within the corporate  
18 limits of a municipality, the escort vehicle  
19 shall maintain a reasonable and proper distance  
20 from the oversize load, consistent with  
21 existing traffic conditions.

22 (8) A separate escort shall be provided  
23 for each load hauled.

24 (9) The driver of an escort vehicle shall  
25 obey all traffic laws.

26 (10) The escort vehicle must be in safe  
27 operational condition.

28 (11) The driver of the escort vehicle  
29 must be in radio contact with the driver of the  
30 vehicle carrying the oversize load.

31 (F) A transport vehicle while under load of  
32 more than 8 feet 6 inches in width must be equipped  
33 with an illuminated rotating, oscillating, or  
34 flashing amber light or lights or a flashing amber

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

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

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

26           (3) Portable buildings designed and used for  
27          agricultural and livestock raising operations that are  
28          not more than 14 feet wide and with not more than a 1  
29          foot overhang along the left side of the hauling vehicle.  
30          However, the buildings shall not be transported more than  
31          10 miles and not on any route that is part of the  
32          National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

33          All buildings when being transported shall display at  
34          least 2 red cloth flags, not less than 12 inches square,

1 mounted as high as practicable on the left and right side of  
2 the building.

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

6 (c) Vehicles propelled by electric power obtained from  
7 overhead trolley wires operated wholly within the corporate  
8 limits of a municipality are also exempt from the width  
9 limitation.

10 (d) Exemptions are also granted to vehicles designed for  
11 the carrying of more than 10 persons under the following  
12 conditions:

13 (1) (Blank);

14 (2) When operated within any public transportation  
15 service with the approval of local authorities or an  
16 appropriate public body authorized by law to provide  
17 public transportation. Any vehicle so operated may be 8  
18 feet 6 inches in width; or

19 (3) When a county engineer or superintendent of  
20 highways, after giving due consideration to the mass  
21 transportation needs of the area and to the width and  
22 condition of the road, has determined that the operation  
23 of buses wider than 8 feet will not pose an undue safety  
24 hazard on a particular county or township road segment,  
25 he or she may authorize buses not to exceed 8 feet 6  
26 inches in width on any highway under that engineer's or  
27 superintendent's jurisdiction.

28 (e) A vehicle and load traveling upon the National  
29 System of Interstate and Defense Highways or any other  
30 highway in the system of State highways that has been  
31 designated as a Class I or Class II highway by the  
32 Department, or any street or highway designated by local  
33 authorities or road district commissioners, may have a total  
34 outside width of 8 feet 6 inches, provided that certain

1 safety devices that the Department determines as necessary  
2 for the safe and efficient operation of motor vehicles shall  
3 not be included in the calculation of width.

4 (e-1) A vehicle and load more than 8 feet wide but not  
5 exceeding 8 feet 6 inches in width is allowed access  
6 according to the following:

7 (1) A vehicle and load not exceeding 73,280 pounds  
8 in weight is allowed access from any State designated  
9 highway onto any county, township, or municipal highway  
10 for a distance of 5 highway miles for the purpose of  
11 loading and unloading, provided:

12 (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 65  
13 feet overall length.

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

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

17 (2) A vehicle and load not exceeding 73,280 pounds  
18 in weight is allowed access from any State designated  
19 highway onto any county or township highway for a  
20 distance of 5 highway miles or onto any municipal highway  
21 for a distance of one highway mile for the purpose of  
22 food, fuel, repairs, and rest, provided:

23 (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 65  
24 feet overall length.

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 (3) A vehicle and load not exceeding 80,000 pounds  
29 in weight is allowed access from a Class I highway onto  
30 any street or highway for a distance of one highway mile  
31 for the purpose of loading, unloading, food, fuel,  
32 repairs, and rest, provided there is no sign prohibiting  
33 that access.

34 (4) A vehicle and load not exceeding 80,000 pounds



1 in weight is allowed access from a Class I or Class II  
 2 highway onto any State highway or any locally designated  
 3 highway for a distance of 5 highway miles for the purpose  
 4 of loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

5 (5) A trailer or semi-trailer not exceeding 28 feet  
 6 6 inches in length, that was originally in combination  
 7 with a truck tractor, shall have unlimited access to  
 8 points of loading and unloading.

9 (6) All household goods carriers shall have  
 10 unlimited access to points of loading and unloading.

11 ~~Vehicles--operating--under--this-paragraph-(e)--shall-have~~  
 12 ~~access-for-a-distance-of-one-highway-mile-to-or-from-a--Class~~  
 13 ~~I--highway--on--any-street-or-highway,-unless-there-is-a-sign~~  
 14 ~~prohibiting-the-access,-or-5-highway-miles-to-or-from-a-Class~~  
 15 ~~I-or-II-highway-on-a-street-or-highway-included-in-the-system~~  
 16 ~~of-State-highways-and-upon-any-street-or--highway--designated~~  
 17 ~~by--local-authorities-or-road-district-commissioners,-without~~  
 18 ~~additional-fees,-to-points-of-loading-and--unloading--and--to~~  
 19 ~~facilities-for-food,-fuel,-repairs-and-rest.-In-addition,-any~~  
 20 ~~trailer--or--semitrailer--not--exceeding--28-feet-6-inches-in~~  
 21 ~~length,-that-was--originally--in--combination--with--a--truck~~  
 22 ~~tractor,-and--all--household--goods-carriers,-when-operating~~  
 23 ~~under-paragraph-(e),-shall-have-access-to-points--of--loading~~  
 24 ~~and-unloading.~~

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

28 (f) Mirrors required by Section 12-502 of this Code and  
 29 other safety devices identified by the Department may project  
 30 up to 14 inches beyond each side of a bus and up to 6 inches  
 31 beyond each side of any other vehicle, and that projection  
 32 shall not be deemed a violation of the width restrictions of  
 33 this Section.

34 (g) Any person who is convicted of violating this

1 Section is subject to the penalty as provided in paragraph  
2 (b) of Section 15-113.

3 (Source: P.A. 90-14, eff. 7-1-97; 91-780, eff. 6-9-00.)

4 (625 ILCS 5/15-103) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-103)

5 Sec. 15-103. Height of vehicles. The height of a vehicle  
6 from the under side of the tire to the top of the vehicle,  
7 inclusive of load, shall not exceed 13 feet, 6 inches on any  
8 highway in the State.

9 A person convicted of violating this Section is subject  
10 to the penalty provided in paragraph (b) of Section 15-113.

11 (Source: P.A. 83-831.)

12 (625 ILCS 5/15-106) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-106)

13 Sec. 15-106. Protruding members of vehicles.

14 No vehicle with boom, arm, drill rig or other protruding  
15 component shall be operated upon any the highway in this  
16 State unless such protruding component is fastened so as to  
17 prevent shifting, bouncing or moving in any manner.

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

19 (625 ILCS 5/15-107) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-107)

20 Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

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

24 (1) Semitrailers.

25 (2) Charter or regulated route buses may be up to  
26 45 feet in length, not including energy absorbing  
27 bumpers. Unless--otherwise-provided-for-in-this-Code,-no  
28 single-vehicle,-with--or--without--load,-other--than--a  
29 semitrailer--that--is-not-a-house-trailer,-shall-exceed-an  
30 overall-length-of-42-feet.

31 (b) On all non-State highways, the maximum length of

1 vehicles in combinations is as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 All other combinations not listed in this subsection (b)  
32 may not exceed 60 feet overall dimension. Subject-to-the  
33 provisions-of-paragraph-(f)-and-unless-otherwise-provided--in  
34 this--Code, no-truck-tractor-and-semitrailer, unladen or with

1 load, except a semitrailer other than a house trailer, shall  
2 exceed a length of 55 feet extreme overall dimension, except  
3 that the combination when specially designed to transport  
4 motor vehicles may have a length of 60 feet extreme overall  
5 dimension, subject to those exceptions and special rules  
6 otherwise stated in this Code. No other combination of  
7 vehicles, unladen or with load, shall exceed a length of 60  
8 feet extreme overall dimension.

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

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

13 (2) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one  
14 converter dolly.

15 (3) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one  
16 vehicle that is defined in Chapter 1 as special mobile  
17 equipment, provided the overall dimension does not exceed  
18 60 feet.

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

21 (5) Recreational vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,  
22 provided the following:

23 (A) The total overall dimension does not  
24 exceed 60 feet.

25 (B) The towing vehicle is a properly  
26 registered vehicle capable of towing another vehicle  
27 using a fifth-wheel type assembly.

28 (C) The second vehicle in the combination of  
29 vehicles is a recreational vehicle that is towed by  
30 a fifth-wheel assembly. This vehicle must be  
31 properly registered and must be equipped with  
32 brakes, regardless of weight.

33 (D) The third vehicle must be the lightest of  
34 the 3 vehicles and be a trailer or semitrailer

1 designed or used for transporting a boat,  
2 all-terrain vehicle, personal watercraft, or  
3 motorcycle.

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

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

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

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

27 (C) Is capable of utilizing the lighting and  
28 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or  
29 combination of vehicles.

30 (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway  
31 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement  
32 to a place of repair. Any additional movement of the  
33 vehicles may occur only upon issuance of  
34 authorization for that movement under the provisions

1 of Sections 15-301 through 15-319 of this Code.

2 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe  
3 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a  
4 tow truck towing another vehicle.

5 For purposes of this Section, a tow-dolly that merely  
6 serves as substitute wheels for another legally licensed  
7 vehicle is considered part of the licensed vehicle and not a  
8 separate vehicle. A truck-tractor-semitrailer may draw one  
9 trailer, or a converter-dolly, or a vehicle that is special  
10 mobile equipment if the extreme length of the combination  
11 does not exceed 60 feet, and a truck in transit may draw 3  
12 trucks in transit coupled together by the triple saddle mount  
13 method. Except as otherwise provided, no other combinations  
14 of vehicles coupled together shall consist of more than 2  
15 vehicles. For the purposes of this paragraph, a tow-dolly  
16 that merely serves as substitute wheels for another legally  
17 licensed vehicle will be considered part of the vehicle and  
18 not as a separate vehicle.

19 Vehicles in combination, whether being operated  
20 intrastate or interstate, shall be operated and towed in  
21 compliance with all requirements of Federal Highway  
22 Administration, Title 49, C. F. R., Motor Carrier Safety  
23 Regulations, pertaining to coupling devices and towing  
24 methods and all other equipment safety requirements set forth  
25 in the regulations.

26 (d) On Class I highways there are no overall length  
27 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations  
28 provided:

29 (1) The length of a semitrailer, unladen or with  
30 load, in combination with a truck tractor may not exceed  
31 53 feet.

32 (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center  
33 of the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in  
34 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet

1           6 inches.

2           (3) The length of a semitrailer or trailer, unladen  
3           or with load, operated in a truck  
4           tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination, may not exceed  
5           28 feet 6 inches.

6           (4) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter  
7           1, may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

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

8        A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle or  
 9        combination of disabled vehicles, as provided in paragraph  
 10       (6) of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length  
 11       limitations. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
 12       Code, there is no overall length limitation on motor vehicles  
 13       operating in truck tractor semitrailer or truck  
 14       tractor semitrailer trailer combinations, except that  
 15       maxi-cube combinations as defined in this Section, and a  
 16       combination of vehicles specifically designed to transport  
 17       motor vehicles or boats, shall not exceed 65 feet overall  
 18       length, and provided that a stinger steered combination of  
 19       vehicles specifically designed to transport motor vehicles or  
 20       boats and a truck in transit transporting 3 trucks coupled  
 21       together by the triple saddle mount method shall not exceed 75  
 22       feet overall length, with the length limitations inclusive of  
 23       front and rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of the  
 24       transported vehicles as provided for in paragraph (i) of this  
 25       Section, upon the National System of Interstate and Defense  
 26       Highways or any other highways in the system of State  
 27       highways that have been designated Class I highways by the  
 28       Department or any street or highway designated by local  
 29       authorities or road district commissioners; provided that the  
 30       length of the semitrailer unit, unladen or with load,  
 31       operated in a truck tractor semitrailer combination shall not  
 32       exceed 53 feet and the distance between the kingpin and the  
 33       center of the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet  
 34       shall not exceed 45 feet, 6 inches; and provided that the



1 length-of-any-semitrailer-or-trailer, unladen-or-with-load,  
2 operated-in-a-truck-tractor-semitrailer-trailer-combination  
3 shall-not-exceed-28-feet-6-inches.

4 The length limitations described in this paragraph (d)  
5 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,  
6 such as rear-view-mirrors, turn-signals, marker-lamps, steps  
7 and-handholds-for-entry-and-egress, flexible-fender  
8 extensions, bumpers, mudflaps-and-splash-and-spray  
9 suppressant-devices, load-induced-tire-bulge, refrigeration  
10 units or air compressors and other devices, that the  
11 Department may interpret as necessary for safe and efficient  
12 operation; except that no device excluded under this  
13 paragraph shall have by its design or use the capability to  
14 carry cargo.

15 Vehicles-operating-under-this-paragraph-(d)-shall-have  
16 access-for-a-distance-of-one-highway-mile-to-or-from-a-Class  
17 I-highway-on-any-street-or-highway, unless-there-is-a-sign  
18 prohibiting-the-access, or-5-highway-miles-on-a-street-or  
19 highway-in-the-system-of-State-highways, and-upon-any-street  
20 or-highway-designated, without-additional-fees, by-local  
21 authorities-or-road-district-commissioners, to-points-of  
22 loading-and-unloading-and-facilities-for-food, fuel, repairs  
23 and-rest. Household-goods-carriers-shall-have-access-to  
24 points-of-loading-and-unloading.

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

28 (e) On Class II highways there are no overall length  
29 limitations on motor vehicles operating in combinations,  
30 provided:

31 (1) The length of a semitrailer, unladen or with  
32 load, in combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed  
33 53 feet overall dimension.

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

1 of the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in  
2 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet  
3 6 inches.

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

6 (4) The length of a semitrailer or trailer, unladen  
7 or with load, operated in a truck  
8 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination, may not exceed  
9 28 feet 6 inches.

10 (5) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter  
11 1, may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

28 Vehicles operating during daylight hours when  
29 transporting poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a  
30 structural nature that cannot readily be dismembered are  
31 exempt from length limitations, provided that no object may  
32 exceed 80 feet in length and the overall dimension of the  
33 vehicle including the load may not exceed 100 feet. This  
34 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  
14 (6) of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length  
15 limitations.

16 Local authorities and road district commissioners, with  
17 respect to streets and highways under their jurisdiction, may  
18 also by ordinance or resolution allow length limitations of  
19 this subsection (e). In--addition--to--the--designation--of  
20 highways--under--paragraph--(d)--the-Department-may-designate  
21 other-streets-or-highways-in-the-system-of-State-highways--as  
22 Class--II--highways.--Notwithstanding-any-other-provisions-of  
23 this-Code, effective-June-1, 1996-there-is-no-overall--length  
24 limitation---on---motor---vehicles---operating---in---truck  
25 tractor-semitrailer-combinations--operating--upon--designated  
26 Class--II--highways,--provided--the-length-of-the-semitrailer  
27 unit,--unladen--or---with---load,---operated---in---a---truck  
28 tractor-semitrailer--combination-shall-not-exceed-53-feet-and  
29 the-distance-between-the-kingpin-and-the-center-of--the--rear  
30 axle-of-a-semitrailer-longer-than-48-feet-shall-not-exceed-45  
31 feet,--6--inches.--A--truck--tractor-semitrailer-trailer  
32 combination-may--be--operated--provided--that--the--wheelbase  
33 between--the--front--axle--and--rear-axle-shall-not-exceed-65  
34 feet-and-the-length-of-any-semitrailer-or-trailer, unladen-or

1 with-load, in-a-combination-shall-not-exceed-28-feet-6  
 2 inches, Local-authorities-and-road-district-commissioners  
 3 with-respect-to-streets-and-highways-under-their  
 4 jurisdiction, may-also-by-ordinance-or-resolution-allow-the  
 5 length-limitations-of-this-paragraph-(e).

6 A-maxi-cube-combination, a-truck-in-transit-transporting  
 7 3-trucks-coupled-together-by-the-triple-saddlemount-method,  
 8 and-a-combination-of-vehicles-specifically-designed-to  
 9 transport-motor-vehicles-or-boats-may-operate-on-the  
 10 designated-streets-or-highways-provided-the-overall-length  
 11 shall-not-exceed-65-feet, and-provided-that-a-stinger-steered  
 12 combination-of-vehicles-specifically-designed-to-transport  
 13 motor-vehicles-or-boats-shall-not-exceed-75-feet-overall  
 14 length, with-the-length-limitations-inclusive-of-front-and  
 15 rear-bumpers-but-exclusive-of-the-overhang-of-the-transported  
 16 vehicles-as-provided-for-in-paragraph-(i)-of-this-Section.

17 The length limitations described in this paragraph (e)  
 18 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,  
 19 such as rear-view-mirrors, turn-signals, marker-lamps, steps  
 20 and-handholds-for-entry-and-egress, flexible-fender  
 21 extensions, bumpers, mudflaps-and-splash-and-spray  
 22 suppressant-devices, load-induced-tire-bulge, refrigeration  
 23 units or air compressors and other devices, that the  
 24 Department may interpret as necessary for safe and efficient  
 25 operation; except that no device excluded under this  
 26 paragraph shall have by its design or use the capability to  
 27 carry cargo.

28 Vehicles-operating-under-this-paragraph-(e)-shall-have  
 29 access-for-a-distance-of-5-highway-miles-on-a-street-or  
 30 highway-in-the-system-of-State-highways, and-upon-any-street  
 31 or-highway-designated-by-local-authorities-or-road-district  
 32 commissioners, to-points-of-loading-and-unloading-and-to  
 33 facilities-for-food, fuel, repairs-and-rest. Household-goods  
 34 carriers-shall-have-access-to-points-of-loading-and

1 unloading-

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

4 (1) From any State designated highway onto any  
5 county, township, or municipal highway for a distance of  
6 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading and unloading,  
7 provided:

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

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

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

13 (2) From any State designated highway onto any  
14 county or township highway for a distance of 5 highway  
15 miles or onto any municipal highway for a distance of one  
16 highway mile for the purpose of food, fuel, repairs, and  
17 rest, provided:

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

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

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

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

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

31 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any  
32 State highway or any locally designated highway for a  
33 distance of 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading,  
34 unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

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

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

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

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

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

17       (3) No truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer  
 18       combination may exceed 60 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. On  
 22       any-street-or-highway-in-the--system--of--State--highways  
 23       that--has--not--been--designated--by-the-Department-under  
 24       paragraph-(d)-or-(e), the--wheelbase--between--the--front  
 25       axle--and--the--rear--axle-in-a-truck-tractor-semitrailer  
 26       combination-shall-not-exceed-55-feet-or,--effective--June  
 27       1,--1996,--no--truck--tractor-and-semitrailer, unladen-or  
 28       with-load,--except--a--semitrailer--other--than--a--house  
 29       trailer, shall-exceed-a-length-of-65-feet-between-extreme  
 30       overall--dimensions, the--length--of--the--semitrailer,  
 31       unladen-or-with-load, shall-not-exceed-53--feet--and--the  
 32       distance--between--the-kingpin-and-the-center-of-the-rear  
 33       axle-of-a-semitrailer--longer--than--48--feet--89411--not  
 34       exceed-42-feet, 6-inches.-On-any-street-or-highway-in-the

1 State--system-of-highways-that-has-not-been-designated-by  
2 the-Department-under--paragraph--(d)--or--(e),--no--truck  
3 tractor-semitrailer-trailer--combination--shall--exceed-a  
4 length-of-60-feet-extreme-overall-dimension.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7           Length-limitations-in-the-preceding-subsections--of--this  
8           Section--15-107--shall--not-apply-to-vehicles-operated-in-the  
9           daytime,-except-on-Saturdays,-Sundays-or-legal-holidays,-when  
10          transporting-poles,-pipe,-machinery-or--other--objects--of--a  
11          structural--nature-that-cannot-readily-be-dismembered,-nor-to  
12          vehicles-transporting-those-objects--operated--on--Saturdays,  
13          Sundays-or-legal-holidays-or-at-nighttime-by-a-public-utility  
14          when---required---for--emergency--repair--of--public--service  
15          facilities--or--properties,-but--in--respect--to--the--night  
16          operation--every--vehicle--and--the--load--thereon--shall--be  
17          equipped-with-a-sufficient-number-of-clearance-lamps-on--both  
18          sides---and--marker--lamps--upon--the--extreme--ends--of--any  
19          projecting-load-to-clearly-mark-the-dimensions-of--the--load,  
20          provided--that--the--overall-length-of-vehicle-and-load-shall  
21          not-exceed-100-feet-and-no-object-exceeding-80-feet-in-length  
22          shall--be--transported,-except--by--a--public--utility--when  
23          required-for-emergency-repairs,-unless--a--permit--has--first  
24          been--obtained-as-authorized-in-Section-15-301.-A-combination  
25          of-vehicles,-including-a-tow-truck-and-a-disabled-vehicle--or  
26          disabled--combination--of--vehicles,-that-exceeds-the-length  
27          restriction-imposed-by-this-Code,-may-be-operated-on-a-public  
28          highway-in-this-State-upon-the-following-conditions:

- 29                   (1)--The-towing-vehicle-must-be:
- 30                           a.--specifically-designed-as-a-tow-truck-having
  - 31                           a-gross-vehicle-weight-rating--of--at--least--18,000
  - 32                           lbs.-and-equipped-with-air-brakes;
  - 33                           b.--equipped---with---flashing,-rotating---or
  - 34                           oscillating--amber--lights,-visible-for-a-least-500



1           feet-in-all-directions;-and  
2                   e---capable--of--utilizing--the--lighting---and  
3           braking---systems---of---the---disabled--vehiele--or  
4           combination-of-vehieles-

5           (2)--The-towing-of-vehieles-on-the-highways-of--this  
6           State-shall-not-exceed-50-miles-from-the-initial-point-of  
7           wreck--or--disablement;--Any--additional--movement-of-the  
8           vehieles-shall-only-occur-upon-issuance-of--authorization  
9           for--that-movement-under-the-provisions-of-Section-15-301  
10          through-15-319-of-this-Chapter-

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

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  
18          the day on which the following traditional holidays are  
19          celebrated:

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

26          (h) The load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the  
27          load upon the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles,  
28          shall not extend more than 3 feet beyond the front wheels of  
29          the vehicle or the front bumper of the vehicle if it is  
30          equipped with a front bumper. The provisions of this  
31          subsection (h) shall not apply to any vehicle or combination  
32          of vehicles specifically designed for the collection and  
33          transportation of waste, garbage, or recyclable materials  
34          during the vehicle's operation in the course of collecting

1 garbage, waste, or recyclable materials if the vehicle is  
 2 traveling at a speed not in excess of 15 miles per hour  
 3 during the vehicle's operation and in the course of  
 4 collecting garbage, waste, or recyclable materials. However,  
 5 in no instance shall the load extend more than 7 feet beyond  
 6 the front wheels of the vehicle or the front bumper of the  
 7 vehicle if it is equipped with a front bumper.

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

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

- 21 1. operated by or for any public body or motor  
 22 carrier authorized by law to provide public  
 23 transportation services; or
- 24 2. operated in local public transportation service  
 25 by any other person and the municipality in which the  
 26 service is to be provided approved the operation of the  
 27 vehicle.

28 (j-1) (Blank). ~~Charter-or-regulated-route-buses--may--be~~  
 29 ~~up--to--45--feet--in--length,--not--including--energy--absorbing~~  
 30 ~~bumpers.~~

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

34 (l) (Blank). ~~A--combination--of-3-vehicles-not-to-exceed~~

1 60-foot-overall-length-may-be-operated-on-the-highways-of-the  
2 State,--provided--that--the--vehicles--meet---the---following  
3 requirements:

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

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

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

16 (4)--The--towed--vehicles-may-only-be-for-the-use-of  
17 the-operator-of-the-towing-vehicle.

18 (5)--All-vehicles-shall-be--properly--equipped--with  
19 operating--brakes--and--safety-equipment-required-by-this  
20 Code,--except--the--additional---brake---requirement---in  
21 paragraph-(2)-above.

22 (Source: P.A. 89-219, eff. 1-1-96; 89-434, eff. 6-1-96;  
23 89-626, eff. 8-9-96; 90-89, eff. 1-1-98; 90-147, eff.  
24 7-23-97; 90-407, eff. 8-15-97; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.)

25 (625 ILCS 5/15-111) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-111)  
26 Sec. 15-111. Wheel and axle loads and gross weights.

27 (a) On non-designated highways, no vehicle or  
28 combination of vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires may be  
29 operated, unladen or with load, when the total weight  
30 transmitted to the road surface exceeds 18,000 pounds on a  
31 single axle or 32,000 pounds on a tandem axle with no axle  
32 within the tandem exceeding 18,000 pounds except:

33 (1) when a different limit is established and

1 posted in accordance with Section 15-316 of this Code;

2 (2) vehicles for which the Department of  
3 Transportation and local authorities issue overweight  
4 permits under authority of Section 15-301 of this Code;

5 (3) tow trucks subject to the conditions provided  
6 in subsection (d) may not exceed 24,000 pounds on a  
7 single rear axle or 44,000 pounds on a tandem rear axle;

8 (4) any single axle of a 2-axle truck weighing  
9 36,000 pounds or less and not a part of a combination of  
10 vehicles, shall not exceed 20,000 pounds;

11 (5) any single axle of a 2-axle truck equipped with  
12 a personnel lift or digger derrick, weighing 36,000  
13 pounds or less, owned and operated by a public utility,  
14 shall not exceed 20,000 pounds;

15 (6) any single axle of a 2-axle truck specially  
16 equipped with a front loading compactor used exclusively  
17 for garbage, refuse, or recycling may not exceed 20,000  
18 pounds per axle, provided that the gross weight of the  
19 vehicle does not exceed 40,000 pounds;

20 (7) a truck, not in combination and specially  
21 equipped with a selfcompactor or an industrial roll-off  
22 hoist and roll-off container, used exclusively for  
23 garbage or refuse operations may, when laden, transmit  
24 upon the road surface the following maximum weights:  
25 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem  
26 axle;

27 (8) a truck, not in combination and used  
28 exclusively for the collection of rendering materials,  
29 may, when laden, transmit upon the road surface the  
30 following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on a single  
31 axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle;

32 (9) tandem axles on a 3-axle truck registered as a  
33 Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in the  
34 model year of 2004 and first registered in Illinois prior

1 to January 1, 2005, with a distance greater than 72  
2 inches but not more than 96 inches between any series of  
3 2 axles, is allowed a combined weight on the series not  
4 to exceed 36,000 pounds and neither axle of the series  
5 may exceed 18,000 pounds. Any vehicle of this type  
6 manufactured after the model year of 2004 or first  
7 registered in Illinois after December 31, 2004 may not  
8 exceed a combined weight of 32,000 pounds through the  
9 series of 2 axles and neither axle of the series may  
10 exceed 18,000 pounds;

11 (10) tandem axles on a 4-axle truck mixer, whose  
12 fourth axle is a road surface engaging mixer trailing  
13 axle, registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle, used  
14 exclusively for the mixing and transportation of concrete  
15 and manufactured prior to or in the model year of 2004  
16 and first registered in Illinois prior to January 1,  
17 2005, with a distance greater than 72 inches but not more  
18 than 96 inches between any series of 2 axles, is allowed  
19 a combined weight on the series not to exceed 36,000  
20 pounds and neither axle of the series may exceed 18,000  
21 pounds. Any vehicle of this type manufactured after the  
22 model year of 2004 or first registered in Illinois after  
23 December 31, 2004 may not exceed a combined weight of  
24 32,000 pounds through the series of 2 axles and neither  
25 axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds;

26 (11) 4-axle vehicles or a 5 or more axle  
27 combination of vehicles: The weight transmitted upon the  
28 road surface through any series of 3 axles whose centers  
29 are more than 96 inches apart, measured between extreme  
30 axles in the series, may not exceed those allowed in the  
31 table contained in subsection (f) of this Section. No  
32 axle or tandem axle of the series may exceed the maximum  
33 weight permitted under this Section for a single or  
34 tandem axle.

1        No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with other  
2        than pneumatic tires may be operated, unladen or with load,  
3        upon the highways of this State when the gross weight on the  
4        road surface through any wheel exceeds 800 pounds per inch  
5        width of tire tread or when the gross weight on the road  
6        surface through any axle exceeds 16,000 pounds. No-vehicle-or  
7        combination--of--vehicles-equipped-with-pneumatic-tires-shall  
8        be-operated, unladen-or-with-load, upon-the-highways-of--this  
9        State--when--the-gross-weight-on-the-road-surface-through-any  
10       single-axle-thereof-exceeds--18,000--pounds,--except--when--a  
11       different--limit-is-established-and-posted-in-accordance-with  
12       Section-15-316-and-except-any-single-axle-of-a-2--axle--motor  
13       vehicle--weighing--36,000--pounds-or-less-and-not-a-part-of-a  
14       combination-of-vehicles,--shall--not--exceed--20,000--pounds.  
15       Provided,--however,--that--any--single-axle-of-a-2-axle-motor  
16       vehicle-equipped-with-a-personnel--lift--or--digger--derrick,  
17       weighing--36,000--pounds--or--less,--owned--and-operated-by-a  
18       public-utility, shall-not-exceed-20,000-pounds.---No--vehicle  
19       or-combination-of-vehicles-equipped-with-other-than-pneumatic  
20       tires--shall--be--operated, unladen--or--with-load, upon-the  
21       highways-of-this-State-when-the--gross--weight--on--the--road  
22       surface-through-any-wheel-thereof-exceeds-800-pounds-per-inch  
23       width--of--tire--tread--or--when-the-gross-weight-on-the-road  
24       surface-through-any-axle-thereof-exceeds-16,000-pounds.---The  
25       gross--weight--transmitted-to-the-road-surface-through-tandem  
26       axles-shall-not-exceed-32,000--pounds--and--no--axle--of--the  
27       series--shall--exceed-the-maximum-weight-permitted-under-this  
28       Section-for-a-single-axle.---Provided-that-on-a-4-axle--vehicle  
29       or--on-a-5-or-more-axle-combination-of-vehicles-the-weight-on  
30       a-series-of-3-axles-whose-centers-are--more--than--96--inches  
31       apart,--measured--between--extreme-axles-in-the-series, shall  
32       not-exceed-those-allowed-on-3-axles-in-the-table-contained-in  
33       subsection-(f)-of-this-Section-and-no-axle-or-tandem-axle--of  
34       the--series--shall--exceed-the-maximum-weight-permitted-under

1 this-Section-for-a-single-or-tandem-axle.-Provided-also--that  
2 a--3--axle--vehicle--or--3--axle--truck-mixer-registered-as-a  
3 Special-Hauling-Vehicle,--used-exclusively-for-the-mixing--and  
4 transportation--of--concrete,--specially-equipped-with-a-road  
5 surface-engaging--mixer---trailing---4th--axle,--manufactured  
6 prior-to-or-in-the-model-year-of-2004-and-first-registered-in  
7 Illinois--prior--to--January-1,--2005,--with-a-distance-greater  
8 than-72-inches-but-not-more-than-96-inches-between-any-series  
9 of-2-axes-may-transmit-to-the-road-surface-a-maximum--weight  
10 of--18,000--pounds-on-each-of-these-axes-with-a-gross-weight  
11 on-these-2-axes-not--to--exceed--36,000--pounds.---Any--such  
12 vehicle--manufactured-in-the-model-year-of-2004-or-thereafter  
13 or-first-registered-in-Illinois-after-December-31,--2004--may  
14 transmit--to--the--road--surface--a--maximum-of-32,000-pounds  
15 through-these-2-axes-and-none--of--the--axes--shall--exceed  
16 18,000-pounds.

17 A-truck,--not-in-combination-and-specially-equipped-with-a  
18 selfcompactor,--or--an-industrial-roll-off-hoist-and-roll-off  
19 container,--used-exclusively-for-garbage-or-refuse-operations,  
20 and-a-truck-used-exclusively-for-the-collection-of--rendering  
21 materials--may,--however,--when-laden,--transmit-upon-the-road  
22 surface-of-any-highway--except--when--part--of--the--National  
23 System--of--Interstate--and--Defense-Highways,--a-gross-weight  
24 upon-a-single-axle-not-more-than-22,000-pounds,--and--upon--a  
25 tandem--axle--not--more--than--40,000--pounds.---When-unladen,  
26 however,--those-trucks-shall-comply-with-the-axle--limitations  
27 applicable-to-all-other-trucks.

28 A--2--axle--truck-specially-equipped-with-a-front-loading  
29 compactor-used-exclusively-for-garbage,--refuse,--or--recycling  
30 may--transmit--20,000-pounds-per-axle-provided-that-the-gross  
31 weight-of-the-vehicle-does-not-exceed-40,000-pounds.

32 (b) On non-designated highways, the gross weight of  
33 vehicles and combination of vehicles including the weight of  
34 the vehicle or combination and its maximum load shall be

1 subject to the foregoing limitations and further shall not  
 2 exceed the following gross weights dependent upon the number  
 3 of axles and distance between extreme axles of the vehicle or  
 4 combination measured longitudinally to the nearest foot.

5 VEHICLES HAVING 2 AXLES ..... 36,000 pounds

6 VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS

7 HAVING 3 AXLES

8	With Tandem		With or	
9	Axles		Without	
10			Tandem Axles	
11	Minimum		Minimum	
12	distance to	Maximum	distance to	Maximum
13	nearest foot	Gross	nearest foot	Gross
14	between	Weight	between	Weight
15	extreme axles	(pounds)	extreme axles	(pounds)
16	10 feet	41,000	16 feet	46,000
17	11	42,000	17	47,000
18	12	43,000	18	47,500
19	13	44,000	19	48,000
20	14	44,500	20	49,000
21	15	45,000	21 feet or more	50,000

22 VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS

23 HAVING 4 AXLES

24	Minimum		Minimum	
25	distance to	Maximum	distance to	Maximum
26	nearest foot	Gross	nearest foot	Gross
27	between	Weight	between	Weight
28	extreme axles	(pounds)	extreme axles	(pounds)
29	15 feet	50,000	26 feet	57,500
30	16	50,500	27	58,000
31	17	51,500	28	58,500
32	18	52,000	29	59,500
33	19	52,500	30	60,000



1	20	53,500	31	60,500
2	21	54,000	32	61,500
3	22	54,500	33	62,000
4	23	55,500	34	62,500
5	24	56,000	35	63,500
6	25	56,500	36 feet or more	64,000

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

11 ~~In applying the above table to a vehicle having more than~~  
12 ~~4 axles that is not in combination, only 4 axles shall be~~  
13 ~~considered in determining the maximum gross weights.~~

14 COMBINATIONS HAVING 5 OR MORE AXLES

15	Minimum distance to	Maximum
16	nearest foot between	Gross Weight
17	extreme axles	(pounds)
18	42 feet or less	72,000
19	43	73,000
20	44 feet or more	73,280

21 VEHICLES OPERATING ON CRAWLER TYPE TRACKS ..... 40,000 pounds

22 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH SELFCOMPACTORS

23 OR ROLL-OFF HOISTS AND ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS FOR GARBAGE

24 OR REFUSE HAULS ONLY AND TRUCKS USED FOR

25 THE COLLECTION OF RENDERING MATERIALS

26 On Highway Not Part of National System

27 of Interstate and Defense Highways

28	with 2 axles	36,000 pounds
29	with 3 axles	54,000 pounds

30 TWO AXLE TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH

31 A FRONT LOADING COMPACTOR USED EXCLUSIVELY

32 FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, REFUSE, OR RECYCLING

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

9 (d) Weight limitations shall not apply to vehicles  
 10 (including loads) operated by a public utility when  
 11 transporting equipment required for emergency repair of  
 12 public utility facilities or properties or water wells.

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

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

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

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

1 vehicles; and

2 (4) does not engage in a tow exceeding 20 miles  
3 from the initial point of wreck or disablement. Any  
4 additional movement of the vehicles may occur only upon  
5 issuance of authorization for that movement under the  
6 provisions of Sections 15-301 through 15-319 of this  
7 Code.

8 A.--24,000-pounds---Single-rear-axle;

9 B.--44,000-pounds---Tandem-rear-axle;

10 Gross weight limits shall not apply to the combination of  
11 the tow truck and vehicles being towed. The tow truck  
12 license plate must cover the operating empty weight of the  
13 tow truck only. The weight of each vehicle being towed shall  
14 be covered by a valid license plate issued to the owner or  
15 operator of the vehicle being towed and displayed on that  
16 vehicle. If no valid plate issued to the owner or operator of  
17 that vehicle is displayed on that vehicle, or the plate  
18 displayed on that vehicle does not cover the weight of the  
19 vehicle, the weight of the vehicle shall be covered by the  
20 third tow truck plate issued to the owner or operator of the  
21 tow truck and temporarily affixed to the vehicle being towed.  
22 In-addition, the following conditions must be met:

23 (1) the towing vehicle must be:

24 a. specifically designed as a tow truck having  
25 a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000  
26 lbs. and equipped with air brakes provided that air  
27 brakes shall be required only if the towing vehicle  
28 is towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer  
29 combination that is equipped with airbrakes;

30 b. equipped with flashing, rotating, or  
31 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500  
32 feet in all directions; and

33 c. capable of utilizing the lighting and  
34 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or

1 combination-of-vehicles.

2 (2)--The-towing-of-the-vehicles-on-the--highways--of  
3 this--State--shall--not--exceed-20-miles-from-the-initial  
4 point-of-wreck-or-disablement.-Any-additional-movement-of  
5 the--vehicles--shall--only---occur---upon---issuance---of  
6 authorization--for--that-movement-under-the-provisions-of  
7 Sections-15-301-through-15-319-of-this-Chapter.

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

17 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight  
18 rating, or GVWR, shall mean the value specified by the  
19 manufacturer as the loaded weight of the tow truck.

20 (e) No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with  
21 pneumatic tires shall be operated, unladen or with load, upon  
22 the highways of this State in violation of the provisions of  
23 any permit issued under the provisions of Sections 15-301  
24 through 15-319 of this Chapter.

25 (f) On designated Class I, II, or III highways and the  
26 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, no  
27 vehicle or combination of vehicles with pneumatic tires may  
28 be operated, unladen or with load, when the total weight on  
29 the road surface exceeds the following: 20,000 pounds on a  
30 single axle; 34,000 pounds on a tandem axle with no axle  
31 within the tandem exceeding 20,000 pounds; 80,000 pounds  
32 gross weight for vehicle combinations of 5 or more axles; or  
33 a total weight on a group of 2 or more consecutive axles in  
34 excess of that weight produced by the application of the

1 following formula:  $W = 500 \text{ times the sum of } (LN \text{ divided by}$   
 2  $N-1) + 12N + 36$ , where "W" equals overall total weight on any  
 3 group of 2 or more consecutive axles to the nearest 500  
 4 pounds, "L" equals the distance measured to the nearest foot  
 5 between extremes of any group of 2 or more consecutive axles,  
 6 and "N" equals the number of axles in the group under  
 7 consideration. Notwithstanding any other provision in this  
 8 Code, except for those provisions of subsection (d) of this  
 9 Section relating to emergency operations of public utilities  
 10 and tow trucks while actually engaged in the towing of a  
 11 disabled vehicle, and those vehicles for which the Department  
 12 issues overweight permits under authority of Section 15-301  
 13 of this Code, the weight limitations contained in this  
 14 subsection shall apply to the National System of Interstate  
 15 and Defense Highways and other highways in the system of  
 16 State highways that have been designated by the Department as  
 17 Class I, II, or III. No vehicle shall be operated on the  
 18 highways with a weight in excess of 20,000 pounds carried on  
 19 any one axle or with a tandem axle weight in excess of 34,000  
 20 pounds, or a gross weight in excess of 80,000 pounds for  
 21 vehicle combinations of 5 axles or more, or a gross weight on  
 22 a group of 2 or more consecutive axles in excess of that  
 23 weight produced by the application of the following formula:

24  $W = 500 \text{ times the sum of } (LN \text{ divided by } N-1) + 12N + 36$   
 25 Where "W" equals overall gross weight on any group of 2 or  
 26 more consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds; "L" equals  
 27 the distance measured to the nearest foot between extremes of  
 28 any group of 2 or more consecutive axles; and "N" equals the  
 29 number of axles in the group under consideration, except that  
 30 2 consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of  
 31 34,000 pounds each, provided the overall distance between the  
 32 first and last axles of the consecutive sets of tandem axles  
 33 is 36 feet or more. Provided also that a 3 axle vehicle  
 34 registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle manufactured prior to

1 or--in--the--model--year--of--2004,--and--first-registered-in  
 2 Illinois-prior-to-January-1,2005,--with--a--distance--greater  
 3 than-72-inches-but-not-more-than-96-inches-between-the-2-rear  
 4 axles--may--transmit--to-the-road-surface-a-maximum-weight-of  
 5 18,000-pounds-on-each-of-the-2-rear-axles-with-a-gross-weight  
 6 on-these-2-axles-not-to-exceed--36,000--pounds,--Any--vehiele  
 7 registered-as-a-Special-Hauling-Vehiele-manufactured-prior-to  
 8 or--in--the--model--year--of--2004--or--thereafter--or--first  
 9 registered--in-Illinois-after-December-31,2004,--may-transmit  
 10 to-the-road-surface-a-maximum-of-34,000-pounds-through-the--2  
 11 rear--axles-and-neither-of-the-rear-axles-shall-exceed-20,000  
 12 pounds.

13 The above formula when expressed in tabular form results  
 14 in allowable loads as follows:

15	Distance measured				
16	to the nearest				
17	foot between the				
18	extremes of any		Maximum <u>weight</u> load in pounds		
19	group of 2 or		<u>of</u> carried-on any group of		
20	more consecutive		2 or more consecutive axles		
21	axles				
22	feet	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles 6 axles
23	4	34,000			
24	5	34,000			
25	6	34,000			
26	7	34,000			
27	8	38,000*	42,000		
28	9	39,000	42,500		
29	10	40,000	43,500		
30	11		44,000		
31	12		45,000	50,000	
32	13		45,500	50,500	
33	14		46,500	51,500	
34	15		47,000	52,000	

1	16	48,000	52,500	58,000	
2	17	48,500	53,500	58,500	
3	18	49,500	54,000	59,000	
4	19	50,000	54,500	60,000	
5	20	51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000
6	21	51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500
7	22	52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000
8	23	53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000
9	24	54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500
10	25	54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000
11	26	55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500
12	27	56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000
13	28	57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000
14	29	57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500
15	30	58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000
16	31	59,000	62,500	67,500	72,500
17	32	60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000
18	33		64,000	68,500	74,000
19	34		64,500	69,000	74,500
20	35		65,500	70,000	75,000
21	36		66,000	70,500	75,500
22	37		66,500	71,000	76,000
23	38		67,500	72,000	77,000
24	39		68,000	72,500	77,500
25	40		68,500	73,000	78,000
26	41		69,500	73,500	78,500
27	42		70,000	74,000	79,000
28	43		70,500	75,000	80,000
29	44		71,500	75,500	
30	45		72,000	76,000	
31	46		72,500	76,500	
32	47		73,500	77,500	
33	48		74,000	78,000	
34	49		74,500	78,500	

1	50	75,500	79,000
2	51	76,000	80,000
3	52	76,500	
4	53	77,500	
5	54	78,000	
6	55	78,500	
7	56	79,500	
8	57	80,000	

9 \*If the distance between 2 axles is 96 inches or less, the 2  
 10 axles are tandem axles and the maximum total weight may not  
 11 exceed ~~load--permitted-is~~ 34,000 pounds, notwithstanding the  
 12 higher limit resulting from the application of the formula.

13 Vehicles not in a combination having more than 4 axles  
 14 may not exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (f)  
 15 for 4 axles measured between the extreme axles of the  
 16 vehicle.

17 Vehicles in a combination having more than 6 axles may  
 18 not exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (f) for  
 19 6 axles measured between the extreme axles of the  
 20 combination.

21 ~~In-applying-the-above-formula-to-a--vehicle--having--more~~  
 22 ~~than-4-axles-that-is-not-a-combination,--only-4-axles-shall-be~~  
 23 ~~considered-in-determining-the-maximum-gross-weight,--and-for-a~~  
 24 ~~combination--of--vehicles--having--more--than-6-axles,--only-6~~  
 25 ~~axles-shall-be-considered-in-determining--the--maximum--gross~~  
 26 ~~weight.~~

27 ~~Notwithstanding--the--above--table,--2-consecutive-sets-of~~  
 28 ~~tandem-axles-may-carry-a-gross-weight-of-34,000--pounds--each~~  
 29 ~~if--the--overall-distance-between-the-first-and-last-axles-of~~  
 30 ~~the-consecutive-sets-of-tandem-axles-is-36-feet-or-more.~~

31 Local authorities and road district highway  
 32 commissioners, with respect to streets and highways under  
 33 their jurisdiction, without additional fees, may also by  
 34 ordinance or resolution allow the weight limitations of this



1 subsection, provided the maximum gross weight on any one axle  
2 shall not exceed 20,000 pounds and the maximum total gross  
3 weight on any tandem axle shall not exceed 34,000 pounds, on  
4 designated highways when appropriate regulatory signs giving  
5 notice are erected upon the street or highway or portion of  
6 any street or highway affected by the ordinance or  
7 resolution.

8 The following are exceptions to the above formula:

9 (1) Two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry  
10 a total weight of 34,000 pounds each if the overall  
11 distance between the first and last axles of the  
12 consecutive sets of tandem axles is 36 feet or more.

13 (2) Vehicles for which a different limit is  
14 established and posted in accordance with Section 15-316  
15 of this Code.

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

20 (4) Tow trucks subject to the conditions provided  
21 in subsection (d) may not exceed 24,000 pounds on a  
22 single rear axle or 44,000 pounds on a tandem rear axle.

23 (5) A tandem axle on a 3-axle truck registered as a  
24 Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in the  
25 model year of 2004, and registered in Illinois prior to  
26 January 1, 2005, with a distance between 2 axles in a  
27 series greater than 72 inches but not more than 96 inches  
28 may not exceed a total weight of 36,000 pounds and  
29 neither axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds.

30 (6) A truck not in combination, equipped with a  
31 self compactor or an industrial roll-off hoist and  
32 roll-off container, used exclusively for garbage or  
33 refuse operations, may, when laden, transmit upon the  
34 road surface, except when on part of the National System

1 of Interstate and Defense Highways, the following maximum  
2 weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on  
3 a tandem axle; 36,000 pounds gross weight on a 2-axle  
4 vehicle; 54,000 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle.  
5 This vehicle is not subject to the bridge formula.

6 (7) Combinations of vehicles, registered as Special  
7 Hauling Vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured  
8 prior to or in the model year of 2004, and registered in  
9 Illinois prior to January 1, 2005, having 5 axles with a  
10 distance of 42 feet or less between extreme axles, may  
11 not exceed the following maximum weights: 18,000 pounds  
12 on a single axle; 32,000 pounds on a tandem axle; and  
13 72,000 pounds gross weight. This combination of vehicles  
14 is not subject to the bridge formula. For all those  
15 combinations of vehicles that include a semitrailer  
16 manufactured after the effective date of this amendatory  
17 Act of the 92nd General Assembly, the overall distance  
18 between the first and last axles of the 2 sets of tandems  
19 must be 18 feet 6 inches or more. Any combination of  
20 vehicles that has had its cargo container replaced in its  
21 entirety after December 31, 2004 may not exceed the  
22 weights allowed by the bridge formula.

23 No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with other  
24 than pneumatic tires may be operated, unladen or with load,  
25 upon the highways of this State when the gross weight on the  
26 road surface through any wheel exceeds 800 pounds per inch  
27 width of tire tread or when the gross weight on the road  
28 surface through any axle exceeds 16,000 pounds.

29 Combinations-of-vehicles,-registered-as--Special--Hauling  
30 Vehicles--that-include-a-semitrailer-manufactured-prior-to-or  
31 in-the-model-year-of-2004,-and-first-registered--in--Illinois  
32 prior--to--January-1,-2005,-having-5-axles-with-a-distance-of  
33 42-feet-or-less-between-extreme-axles-shall-be-limited-to-the  
34 weights-prescribed-in-subsections-(a)-and-(b)-of-this-Section

1 and not subject to the bridge formula on the National System  
2 of Interstate and Defense Highways and other highways in the  
3 system of State highways designated by the Department. For  
4 all those combinations of vehicles, that include a  
5 semitrailer manufactured after the effective date of this  
6 amendatory Act of 1986, the overall distance between the  
7 first and last axles of the 2 sets of tandems must be 18 feet  
8 6 inches or more. All combinations of vehicles registered as  
9 Special Hauling Vehicles that include a semitrailer  
10 manufactured prior to or in the model year of 2004 or  
11 thereafter or first registered in Illinois after December 31,  
12 2004, or that has had its cargo container replaced in its  
13 entirety after December 31, 2004, are limited to the gross  
14 weight allowed by the above formula.

15 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 or refuse operations,  
18 shall be allowed the weights as prescribed in subsections (a)  
19 and (b) of this Section and not subject to the bridge  
20 formula, provided they are not operated on a highway that is  
21 part of the Interstate and Defense Highway System.

22 Vehicles operating under this subsection shall have  
23 access for a distance of one highway mile to or from a Class  
24 I highway on any street or highway, unless there is a sign  
25 prohibiting the access, or 5 highway miles to or from either  
26 a Class I, II, or III highway on a street or highway included  
27 in the system of State highways and upon any street or  
28 highway designated by local authorities or road district  
29 commissioners to points of loading and unloading and to  
30 facilities for food, fuel, repairs and rest.

31 (f-1) A vehicle and load not exceeding 73,280 pounds is  
32 allowed access as follows:

33 (1) From any State designated highway onto any  
34 county, township, or municipal highway for a distance of

1 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading and unloading,  
2 provided:

3 (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 8  
4 feet 6 inches in width and 65 feet overall length.

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

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

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

13 (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 8  
14 feet 6 inches in width and 65 feet overall length.

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

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

18 (f-2) A vehicle and load greater than 73,280 pounds in  
19 weight but not exceeding 80,000 pounds is allowed access as  
20 follows:

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

25 (2) From a Class I, II, or III highway onto any  
26 State highway or any local designated highway for a  
27 distance of 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading,  
28 unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

29 Section 5-35 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act  
30 relating to procedures for rulemaking shall not apply to the  
31 designation of highways under this subsection.

32 (g) No person shall operate a vehicle or combination of  
33 vehicles over a bridge or other elevated structure  
34 constituting part of a highway with a gross weight that is

1 greater than the maximum weight permitted by the Department,  
2 when the structure is sign posted as provided in this  
3 Section.

4 (h) The Department upon request from any local authority  
5 shall, or upon its own initiative may, conduct an  
6 investigation of any bridge or other elevated structure  
7 constituting a part of a highway, and if it finds that the  
8 structure cannot with safety to itself withstand the weight  
9 of vehicles otherwise permissible under this Code the  
10 Department shall determine and declare the maximum weight of  
11 vehicles that the structures can withstand, and shall cause  
12 or permit suitable signs stating maximum weight to be erected  
13 and maintained before each end of the structure. No person  
14 shall operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles over any  
15 structure with a gross weight that is greater than the posted  
16 maximum weight.

17 (i) Upon the trial of any person charged with a  
18 violation of subsections (g) or (h) of this Section, proof of  
19 the determination of the maximum allowable weight by the  
20 Department and the existence of the signs, constitutes  
21 conclusive evidence of the maximum weight that can be  
22 maintained with safety to the bridge or structure.

23 (Source: P.A. 89-117, eff. 7-7-95; 89-433, eff. 12-15-95;  
24 90-89, eff. 1-1-98; 90-330, eff. 8-8-97; 90-655, eff.  
25 7-30-98.)

26 (625 ILCS 5/15-112) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-112)

27 Sec. 15-112. Officers to weigh vehicles and require  
28 removal of excess loads.

29 (a) Any police officer having reason to believe that the  
30 weight of a vehicle and load is unlawful shall require the  
31 driver to stop and submit to a weighing of the same either by  
32 means of a portable or stationary scales that have been  
33 tested and approved at a frequency prescribed by the Illinois

1 Department of Agriculture, or for those scales operated by  
2 the State, when such tests are requested by the Department of  
3 State Police, whichever is more frequent. If such scales are  
4 not available at the place where such vehicle is stopped, the  
5 police officer shall require that such vehicle be driven to  
6 the nearest available scale that has been tested and approved  
7 pursuant to this Section by the Illinois Department of  
8 Agriculture. Notwithstanding any provisions of the Weights  
9 and Measures Act or the United States Department of Commerce  
10 NIST handbook 44, multi or single draft weighing is an  
11 acceptable method of weighing by law enforcement for  
12 determining a violation of Chapter 3 or 15 of this Code. Law  
13 enforcement is exempt from the requirements of commercial  
14 weighing established in NIST handbook 44.

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

26 (b) Whenever an officer, upon weighing a vehicle and the  
27 load, determines that the weight is unlawful, such officer  
28 shall require the driver to stop the vehicle in a suitable  
29 place and remain standing until such portion of the load is  
30 removed as may be necessary to reduce the weight of the  
31 vehicle to the limit permitted under this Chapter, or to the  
32 limit permitted under the terms of a permit issued pursuant  
33 to Sections 15-301 through 15-318 and shall forthwith arrest  
34 the driver or owner. All material so unloaded shall be cared

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

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

26 (d) Whenever any axle load of a vehicle exceeds the axle  
27 or tandem axle weight limits permitted by paragraph (a) or  
28 (f) of Section 15-111 by 2000 pounds or less, the owner or  
29 operator of the vehicle must shift or remove the excess so as  
30 to comply with paragraph (a) or (f) of Section 15-111. No  
31 overweight arrest ticket shall be issued to the owner or  
32 operator of the vehicle by any officer if the excess gross  
33 weight is shifted or removed as required by this paragraph.

34 (e) Whenever the gross weight of a vehicle with a

1 registered gross weight of 73,280 pounds or less exceeds the  
2 weight limits of paragraph (b) or (f) of Section 15-111 of  
3 this Chapter by 2000 pounds or less, the owner or operator of  
4 the vehicle must remove the excess. Whenever the gross weight  
5 of a vehicle with a registered gross weight of 73,281 pounds  
6 or more exceeds the weight limits of paragraph (b) or (f) of  
7 Section 15-111 by 1,000 pounds or less or 2,000 pounds or  
8 less if weighed on wheel load weighers, the owner or operator  
9 of the vehicle must remove the excess. In either case no  
10 arrest ticket for any overweight violation of this Code shall  
11 be issued to the owner or operator of the vehicle by any  
12 officer if the excess weight is removed as required by this  
13 paragraph. A person who has been granted a special permit  
14 under Section 15-301 of this Code shall not be granted a  
15 tolerance on wheel load weighers.

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

23 (g) Any driver of a vehicle who refuses to stop and  
24 submit his vehicle and load to weighing after being directed  
25 to do so by an officer or removes or causes the removal of  
26 the load or part of it prior to weighing is guilty of a  
27 business offense and shall be fined not less than \$500 nor  
28 more than \$2,000.

29 (Source: P.A. 91-129, eff. 7-16-99.)

30 (625 ILCS 5/15-316) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-316)

31 Sec. 15-316. When the Department, local authority or road  
32 district highway commissioner may restrict right to use  
33 highways.



1           (a) Local authorities and road district highway  
 2 commissioners with respect to highways under their  
 3 jurisdiction may by ordinance or resolution prohibit the  
 4 operation of vehicles upon any such highway or impose  
 5 restrictions as to the weight of vehicles to be operated upon  
 6 any such highway, for a total period of not to exceed 90 days  
 7 in any one calendar year, whenever any said highway by reason  
 8 of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climate conditions  
 9 will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of  
 10 vehicles thereon is prohibited or the permissible weights  
 11 thereof reduced.

12           (b) The local authority or road district highway  
 13 commissioner enacting any such ordinance or resolution shall  
 14 erect or cause to be erected and maintained signs designating  
 15 the provision of the ordinance or resolution at each end of  
 16 that portion of any highway affected thereby, and the  
 17 ordinance or resolution shall not be effective unless and  
 18 until such signs are erected and maintained.

19           (c) Local authorities and road district highway  
 20 commissioners with respect to highways under their  
 21 jurisdiction may also, by ordinance or resolution, prohibit  
 22 the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles, or may  
 23 impose limitations as the weight thereof, on designated  
 24 highways, which prohibitions and limitations shall be  
 25 designated by appropriate signs placed on such highways.

26           (c-1) ~~(Blank) The weight provisions of subsections (a),~~  
 27 ~~(b), and (c) take precedence over the provisions of~~  
 28 ~~subsections (d-1) and (d-2).~~

29           (d) The Department shall likewise have authority as  
 30 hereinbefore granted to local authorities and road district  
 31 highway commissioners to determine by resolution and to  
 32 impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles operated  
 33 upon any highway under the jurisdiction of said department,  
 34 and such restrictions shall be effective when signs giving

1 notice thereof are erected upon the highway or portion of any  
2 highway affected by such resolution.

3 (d-1) (Blank) Motor--vehieles--and--motor--vehieles--in  
4 eombination-with-gross-weights-not--exceeding--73,280--pounds  
5 and--up--to-65-feet-in-overall-length-and-102-inches-in-width  
6 operating-on-highways--under--the--control--of--a--county--or  
7 township--road--district-highway-commissioner-may-have-access  
8 for-a-distance-of-5-miles-from-a-State-designated-highway-for  
9 the-purpose-of-loading, unloading, services, and--home--base.  
10 No--exemption--shall--be--granted-authorizing-travel-on-local  
11 roads-as-a-thoroughfare-between-State-designated-highways.

12 (d-2) (Blank) Motor--vehieles--and--motor--vehieles--in  
13 eombination-with-gross-weights-not--exceeding--73,280--pounds  
14 and--up--to-65-feet-in-overall-length-and-102-inches-in-width  
15 operating--on--highways--under--the--control--of--municipal  
16 authorities--may--have--access--for--5--miles--from--a--State  
17 designated--highway--for-the-purpose-of-loading-and-unloading  
18 and-one-mile-for-food, fuel, repairs, and--rest--on--those  
19 municipally--controlled--highways.---No--exemption--shall--be  
20 granted---authorizing---travel---on---municipal--roads--as--a  
21 thoroughfare-between-State-designated-highways.

22 (e) When any vehicle is operated in violation of this  
23 Section, the owner or driver of the vehicle shall be deemed  
24 guilty of a violation and either the owner or the driver of  
25 the vehicle may be prosecuted for the violation. Any person,  
26 firm, or corporation convicted of violating this Section  
27 shall be fined \$50 for any weight exceeding the posted limit  
28 up to the axle or gross weight limit allowed a vehicle as  
29 provided for in subsections (a) or (b) of Section 15-111 and  
30 \$75 per every 500 pounds or fraction thereof for any weight  
31 exceeding that which is provided for in subsections (a) or  
32 (b) of Section 15-111.

33 (f) A municipality is authorized to enforce a county  
34 weight limit ordinance applying to county highways within its

1 corporate limits and is entitled to the proceeds of any fines  
2 collected from the enforcement.

3 (Source: P.A. 89-117, eff. 7-7-95; 89-687, eff. 6-1-97;  
4 90-211, eff. 1-1-98.)