

# HB2678



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/3-815

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-815

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Removes language providing that an owner may only apply for and receive 5 farm truck registrations, and only 2 of those 5 vehicles shall exceed 59,500 gross weight in pounds per vehicle. Provides instead that an owner may apply for and receive a total of 8 farm truck registrations; however, only 2 farm truck registrations may be registered as exceeding 77,001 pounds under provisions regarding farm truck registration (with a fee of \$1,590 per vehicle registered) and the other 6 farm truck registrations must be registered as exceeding 77,001 pounds under provisions regarding flat weight taxes (with a fee of \$2,890 per vehicle registered).

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 3-815 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-815) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-815)

7 Sec. 3-815. Flat weight tax; vehicles of the second  
8 division.

9 (a) Except as provided in Section 3-806.3 and 3-804.3,  
10 every owner of a vehicle of the second division registered  
11 under Section 3-813, and not registered under the mileage  
12 weight tax under Section 3-818, shall pay to the Secretary of  
13 State, for each registration year, for the use of the public  
14 highways, a flat weight tax at the rates set forth in the  
15 following table, the rates including the \$10 registration fee:

16 SCHEDULE OF FLAT WEIGHT TAX

17 REQUIRED BY LAW

18 Gross Weight in Lbs.		Total Fees
19 Including Vehicle		each Fiscal
20 and Maximum Load	Class	year
21 8,000 lbs. and less	B	\$148
22 8,001 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.	C	218
23 10,001 lbs. to 12,000 lbs.	D	238

1	12,001 lbs. to 16,000 lbs.	F	342
2	16,001 lbs. to 26,000 lbs.	H	590
3	26,001 lbs. to 28,000 lbs.	J	730
4	28,001 lbs. to 32,000 lbs.	K	942
5	32,001 lbs. to 36,000 lbs.	L	1,082
6	36,001 lbs. to 40,000 lbs.	N	1,302
7	40,001 lbs. to 45,000 lbs.	P	1,490
8	45,001 lbs. to 50,000 lbs.	Q	1,638
9	50,001 lbs. to 54,999 lbs.	R	1,798
10	55,000 lbs. to 59,500 lbs.	S	1,930
11	59,501 lbs. to 64,000 lbs.	T	2,070
12	64,001 lbs. to 73,280 lbs.	V	2,394
13	73,281 lbs. to 77,000 lbs.	X	2,722
14	77,001 lbs. to 80,000 lbs.	Z	2,890

15           Beginning with the 2010 registration year a \$1 surcharge  
16 shall be collected for vehicles registered in the 8,000 lbs.  
17 and less flat weight plate category above to be deposited into  
18 the State Police Vehicle Fund.

19           Beginning with the 2014 registration year, a \$2 surcharge  
20 shall be collected in addition to the above fees for vehicles  
21 registered in the 8,000 lb. and less flat weight plate  
22 category as described in this subsection (a) to be deposited  
23 into the Park and Conservation Fund for the Department of  
24 Natural Resources to use for conservation efforts. The monies  
25 deposited into the Park and Conservation Fund under this  
26 Section shall not be subject to administrative charges or

1 chargebacks unless otherwise authorized by this Act.

2 Of the fees collected under this subsection, \$1 of the  
3 fees shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special  
4 Services Fund and \$99 of the fees shall be deposited into the  
5 Road Fund.

6 All of the proceeds of the additional fees imposed by  
7 Public Act 96-34 shall be deposited into the Capital Projects  
8 Fund.

9 (a-1) A Special Hauling Vehicle is a vehicle or  
10 combination of vehicles of the second division registered  
11 under Section 3-813 transporting asphalt or concrete in the  
12 plastic state or a vehicle or combination of vehicles that are  
13 subject to the gross weight limitations in subsection (a) of  
14 Section 15-111 for which the owner of the vehicle or  
15 combination of vehicles has elected to pay, in addition to the  
16 registration fee in subsection (a), \$125 to the Secretary of  
17 State for each registration year. The Secretary shall  
18 designate this class of vehicle as a Special Hauling Vehicle.

19 (a-5) Beginning January 1, 2015, upon the request of the  
20 vehicle owner, a \$10 surcharge shall be collected in addition  
21 to the above fees for vehicles in the 12,000 lbs. and less flat  
22 weight plate categories as described in subsection (a) to be  
23 deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate  
24 Fund. The \$10 surcharge is to identify vehicles in the 12,000  
25 lbs. and less flat weight plate categories as a covered farm  
26 vehicle. The \$10 surcharge is an annual, flat fee that shall be

1 based on an applicant's new or existing registration year for  
2 each vehicle in the 12,000 lbs. and less flat weight plate  
3 categories. A designation as a covered farm vehicle under this  
4 subsection (a-5) shall not alter a vehicle's registration as a  
5 registration in the 12,000 lbs. or less flat weight category.  
6 The Secretary shall adopt any rules necessary to implement  
7 this subsection (a-5).

8 (a-10) Beginning January 1, 2019, upon the request of the  
9 vehicle owner, the Secretary of State shall collect a \$10  
10 surcharge in addition to the fees for second division vehicles  
11 in the 8,000 lbs. and less flat weight plate category  
12 described in subsection (a) that are issued a registration  
13 plate under Article VI of this Chapter. The \$10 surcharge  
14 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License  
15 Plate Fund. The \$10 surcharge is to identify a vehicle in the  
16 8,000 lbs. and less flat weight plate category as a covered  
17 farm vehicle. The \$10 surcharge is an annual, flat fee that  
18 shall be based on an applicant's new or existing registration  
19 year for each vehicle in the 8,000 lbs. and less flat weight  
20 plate category. A designation as a covered farm vehicle under  
21 this subsection (a-10) shall not alter a vehicle's  
22 registration in the 8,000 lbs. or less flat weight category.  
23 The Secretary shall adopt any rules necessary to implement  
24 this subsection (a-10).

25 (b) Except as provided in Section 3-806.3, every camping  
26 trailer, motor home, mini motor home, travel trailer, truck

1 camper or van camper used primarily for recreational purposes,  
 2 and not used commercially, nor for hire, nor owned by a  
 3 commercial business, may be registered for each registration  
 4 year upon the filing of a proper application and the payment of  
 5 a registration fee and highway use tax, according to the  
 6 following table of fees:

7 MOTOR HOME, MINI MOTOR HOME, TRUCK CAMPER OR VAN CAMPER

8 Gross Weight in Lbs.	Total Fees
9 Including Vehicle and	Each
10 Maximum Load	Calendar Year
11 8,000 lbs and less	\$78
12 8,001 Lbs. to 10,000 Lbs	90
13 10,001 Lbs. and Over	102

14 CAMPING TRAILER OR TRAVEL TRAILER

15 Gross Weight in Lbs.	Total Fees
16 Including Vehicle and	Each
17 Maximum Load	Calendar Year
18 3,000 Lbs. and Less	\$18
19 3,001 Lbs. to 8,000 Lbs.	30
20 8,001 Lbs. to 10,000 Lbs.	38
21 10,001 Lbs. and Over	50

22 Every house trailer must be registered under Section  
 23 3-819.

24 (c) Farm Truck. Any truck used exclusively for the owner's  
 25 own agricultural, horticultural or livestock raising  
 26 operations and not-for-hire only, or any truck used only in

1 the transportation for-hire of seasonal, fresh, perishable  
 2 fruit or vegetables from farm to the point of first  
 3 processing, may be registered by the owner under this  
 4 paragraph in lieu of registration under paragraph (a), upon  
 5 filing of a proper application and the payment of the \$10  
 6 registration fee and the highway use tax herein specified as  
 7 follows:

8 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND TAXES

9 Gross Weight in Lbs.		Total Amount for
10 Including Truck and		each
11 Maximum Load	Class	Fiscal Year
12 16,000 lbs. or less	VF	\$250
13 16,001 to 20,000 lbs.	VG	326
14 20,001 to 24,000 lbs.	VH	390
15 24,001 to 28,000 lbs.	VJ	478
16 28,001 to 32,000 lbs.	VK	606
17 32,001 to 36,000 lbs.	VL	710
18 36,001 to 45,000 lbs.	VP	910
19 45,001 to 54,999 lbs.	VR	1,126
20 55,000 to 64,000 lbs.	VT	1,302
21 64,001 to 73,280 lbs.	VV	1,390
22 73,281 to 77,000 lbs.	VX	1,450
23 77,001 to 80,000 lbs.	VZ	1,590

24 Of the fees collected under this subsection, \$1 of the  
 25 fees shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special  
 26 Services Fund and \$99 of the fees shall be deposited into the

1 Road Fund.

2 In the event the Secretary of State revokes a farm truck  
3 registration as authorized by law, the owner shall pay the  
4 flat weight tax due hereunder before operating such truck.

5 Any combination of vehicles having 5 axles, with a  
6 distance of 42 feet or less between extreme axles, that are  
7 subject to the weight limitations in subsection (a) of Section  
8 15-111 for which the owner of the combination of vehicles has  
9 elected to pay, in addition to the registration fee in  
10 subsection (c), \$125 to the Secretary of State for each  
11 registration year shall be designated by the Secretary as a  
12 Special Hauling Vehicle.

13 (d) The number of axles necessary to carry the maximum  
14 load provided shall be determined from Chapter 15 of this  
15 Code.

16 (e) An owner may apply for and receive a total of 8 farm  
17 truck registrations; however, only 2 farm truck registrations  
18 may be registered as exceeding 77,001 pounds under subsection  
19 (c) and the other 6 farm truck registrations must be  
20 registered as exceeding 77,001 pounds under subsection (a). ~~An~~  
21 ~~owner may only apply for and receive 5 farm truck~~  
22 ~~registrations, and only 2 of those 5 vehicles shall exceed~~  
23 ~~59,500 gross weight in pounds per vehicle.~~

24 (f) Every person convicted of violating this Section by  
25 failure to pay the appropriate flat weight tax to the  
26 Secretary of State as set forth in the above tables shall be

1 punished as provided for in Section 3-401.

2 (Source: P.A. 100-734, eff. 1-1-19; 100-956, eff. 1-1-19;

3 101-32, eff. 6-28-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)