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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/15-107	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-107
625 ILCS 5/15-111	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-111
625 ILCS 5/15-113.1	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-113.1
625 ILCS 5/15-113.2	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-113.2
625 ILCS 5/15-113.3	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-113.3
625 ILCS 5/15-301	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-301
625 ILCS 5/15-302	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-302
625 ILCS 5/15-319 rep.	

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Repeals the Section that allows applicants for special permits to apply to the Department of Transportation for a registration number and classification identification label for the purpose of identifying and classifying vehicles or combinations of vehicles that may be operated or moved by special permit. Makes conforming changes.

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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 changing  
5 Sections 15-107, 15-111, 15-113.1, 15-113.2 15-113.3, 15-301,  
6 and 15-302 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/15-107) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-107)

8 Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

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

11 (1) Semitrailers.

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

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

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

20 (1) A truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer  
21 may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension. An agency or  
22 instrumentality of the State of Illinois or any unit of  
23 local government shall not be required to widen or

1 otherwise alter a non-State highway constructed before the  
2 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General  
3 Assembly to accommodate truck tractors under this  
4 paragraph (1).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway  
14 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement to  
15 a place of repair. Any additional movement of the  
16 vehicles may occur only upon issuance of authorization  
17 for that movement under the provisions of Sections  
18 15-301 through 15-318 ~~15-319~~ of this Code.

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

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

26 (7) Commercial vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,

1 provided the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

25          Vehicles operating during daylight hours when transporting  
26          poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural

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

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

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

21 The length limitations described in this paragraph (d)  
22 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,  
23 such as bumpers, refrigeration units or air compressors and  
24 other devices, that the Department may interpret as necessary  
25 for safe and efficient operation; except that no device  
26 excluded under this paragraph shall have by its design or use

1 the capability to carry cargo.

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

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

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

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

17 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck  
18 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may not exceed  
19 65 feet in dimension from front axle to rear axle.

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

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

26 (6) A combination of vehicles, specifically designed

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

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

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

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

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

1 and Christmas Day.

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

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

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

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

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

26 (e-1) Combinations of vehicles not exceeding 65 feet

1 overall length are allowed access as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (1) From a Class I highway onto any street or highway  
25 for a distance of one highway mile for the purpose of  
26 loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest,

1 provided there is no sign prohibiting that access.

2 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any State  
3 highway or any locally designated highway for a distance of  
4 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading, unloading,  
5 food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

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

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

15 (1) Truck tractor-semitrailer combinations must comply  
16 with a maximum 65 feet extreme overall dimension. An agency  
17 or instrumentality of the State of Illinois or any unit of  
18 local government shall not be required to widen or  
19 otherwise alter a Class III or other non-designated State  
20 highway constructed before the effective date of this  
21 amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly to accommodate  
22 truck tractor-semitrailer combinations under this  
23 paragraph (1).

24 (2) Semitrailers, unladen or with load, may not exceed  
25 53 feet overall dimension.

26 (3) No truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck

1 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may exceed 60  
2 feet extreme overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

26 (3) A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle



1 or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the towing  
2 vehicle meets the following conditions:

3 (A) It is specifically designed as a tow truck  
4 having a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000  
5 pounds and equipped with air brakes, provided that air  
6 brakes are required only if the towing vehicle is  
7 towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer  
8 combination that is equipped with air brakes.

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

12 (C) It is capable of utilizing the lighting and  
13 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination  
14 of vehicles.

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

17 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe  
18 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a tow  
19 truck towing another vehicle. The towing vehicle, however, may  
20 tow any disabled vehicle from the initial point of wreck or  
21 disablement to a point where repairs are actually to occur.  
22 This movement shall be valid only on State routes. The tower  
23 must abide by posted bridge weight limits.

24 For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight  
25 rating, or GVWR, shall mean the value specified by the  
26 manufacturer as the loaded weight of the tow truck. Legal

1 holidays referred to in this Section shall be specified as the  
2 day on which the following traditional holidays are celebrated:

3 New Year's Day;  
4 Memorial Day;  
5 Independence Day;  
6 Labor Day;  
7 Thanksgiving Day; and  
8 Christmas Day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (j-1) (Blank).

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

21 (l) (Blank).

22 (Source: P.A. 99-717, eff. 8-5-16; 100-201, eff. 8-18-17;  
23 100-343, eff. 1-1-18.)

24 (625 ILCS 5/15-111) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-111)  
25 Sec. 15-111. Wheel and axle loads and gross weights.

1 (a) No vehicle or combination of vehicles with pneumatic  
 2 tires may be operated, unladen or with load, when the total  
 3 weight on the road surface exceeds the following: 20,000 pounds  
 4 on a single axle; 34,000 pounds on a tandem axle with no axle  
 5 within the tandem exceeding 20,000 pounds; 80,000 pounds gross  
 6 weight for vehicle combinations of 5 or more axles; or a total  
 7 weight on a group of 2 or more consecutive axles in excess of  
 8 that weight produced by the application of the following  
 9 formula:  $W = 500 \text{ times the sum of } (LN \text{ divided by } N-1) + 12N +$   
 10  $36$ , where "W" equals overall total weight on any group of 2 or  
 11 more consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds, "L" equals  
 12 the distance measured to the nearest foot between extremes of  
 13 any group of 2 or more consecutive axles, and "N" equals the  
 14 number of axles in the group under consideration.

15 The above formula when expressed in tabular form results in  
 16 allowable loads as follows:

17	Distance measured					
18	to the nearest					
19	foot between the					
20	extremes of any		Maximum weight in pounds			
21	group of 2 or		of any group of			
22	more consecutive		2 or more consecutive axles			
23	axles					
24	feet	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles
25	4	34,000				

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

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



1           These vehicles are not subject to the bridge formula.

2           (3) Cities having a population of more than 50,000 may  
3 permit by ordinance axle loads on 2-axle motor vehicles 33  
4 1/2% above those provided for herein, but the increase  
5 shall not become effective until the city has officially  
6 notified the Department of the passage of the ordinance and  
7 shall not apply to those vehicles when outside of the  
8 limits of the city, nor shall the gross weight of any  
9 2-axle motor vehicle operating over any street of the city  
10 exceed 40,000 pounds.

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

15           (4.5) A 3-axle or 4-axle vehicle (including when laden)  
16 operated or hired by a municipality within Cook, Lake,  
17 McHenry, Kane, DuPage, or Will county being operated for  
18 the purpose of performing emergency sewer repair that would  
19 be subject to a weight limitation less than 66,000 pounds  
20 under the formula in this subsection (a) shall have a  
21 weight limitation of 66,000 pounds or the vehicle's gross  
22 vehicle weight rating, whichever is less. This paragraph  
23 (4.5) does not apply to vehicles being operated on the  
24 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, or to  
25 vehicles being operated on bridges or other elevated  
26 structures constituting a part of a highway.



1           (5) Two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a  
2 total weight of 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance  
3 between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of  
4 tandem axles is 36 feet or more, notwithstanding the lower  
5 limit resulting from the application of the above formula.

6           (6) A truck, not in combination and used exclusively  
7 for the collection of rendering materials, may, when laden,  
8 transmit upon the road surface, except when on part of the  
9 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, the  
10 following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle;  
11 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle.

12           (7) A truck not in combination, equipped with a self  
13 compactor or an industrial roll-off hoist and roll-off  
14 container, used exclusively for garbage, refuse, or  
15 recycling operations, may, when laden, transmit upon the  
16 road surface, except when on part of the National System of  
17 Interstate and Defense Highways, the following maximum  
18 weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a  
19 tandem axle; 40,000 pounds gross weight on a 2-axle  
20 vehicle; 54,000 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle.  
21 This vehicle is not subject to the bridge formula.

22           (7.5) A 3-axle rear discharge truck mixer registered as  
23 a Special Hauling Vehicle, used exclusively for the mixing  
24 and transportation of concrete in the plastic state, may,  
25 when laden, transmit upon the road surface, except when on  
26 part of the National System of Interstate and Defense

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

5 (8) Except as provided in paragraph (7.5) of this  
6 subsection (a), tandem axles on a 3-axle truck registered  
7 as a Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in  
8 the model year of 2024 and first registered in Illinois  
9 prior to January 1, 2025, with a distance greater than 72  
10 inches but not more than 96 inches between any series of 2  
11 axles, is allowed a combined weight on the series not to  
12 exceed 36,000 pounds and neither axle of the series may  
13 exceed 20,000 pounds. Any vehicle of this type manufactured  
14 after the model year of 2024 or first registered in  
15 Illinois after December 31, 2024 may not exceed a combined  
16 weight of 34,000 pounds through the series of 2 axles and  
17 neither axle of the series may exceed 20,000 pounds.

18 A 3-axle combination sewer cleaning jetting vacuum  
19 truck registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle, used  
20 exclusively for the transportation of non-hazardous solid  
21 waste, manufactured before or in the model year of 2014,  
22 first registered in Illinois before January 1, 2015, may,  
23 when laden, transmit upon the road surface, except when on  
24 part of the National System of Interstate and Defense  
25 Highways, the following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on a  
26 single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle; 54,000 pounds

1 gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle. This vehicle is not  
2 subject to the bridge formula.

3 (9) A 4-axle truck mixer registered as a Special  
4 Hauling Vehicle, used exclusively for the mixing and  
5 transportation of concrete in the plastic state, and not  
6 operated on a highway that is part of the National System  
7 of Interstate Highways, is allowed the following maximum  
8 weights: 20,000 pounds on any single axle; 36,000 pounds on  
9 a series of axles greater than 72 inches but not more than  
10 96 inches; and 34,000 pounds on any series of 2 axles  
11 greater than 40 inches but not more than 72 inches. The  
12 gross weight of this vehicle may not exceed the weights  
13 allowed by the bridge formula for 4 axles. The bridge  
14 formula does not apply to any series of 3 axles while the  
15 vehicle is transporting concrete in the plastic state, but  
16 no axle or tandem axle of the series may exceed the maximum  
17 weight permitted under this paragraph (9) of subsection  
18 (a).

19 (10) Combinations of vehicles, registered as Special  
20 Hauling Vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured  
21 prior to or in the model year of 2024, and registered in  
22 Illinois prior to January 1, 2025, having 5 axles with a  
23 distance of 42 feet or less between extreme axles, may not  
24 exceed the following maximum weights: 20,000 pounds on a  
25 single axle; 34,000 pounds on a tandem axle; and 72,000  
26 pounds gross weight. This combination of vehicles is not

1 subject to the bridge formula. For all those combinations  
2 of vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured after  
3 the effective date of P.A. 92-0417, the overall distance  
4 between the first and last axles of the 2 sets of tandems  
5 must be 18 feet 6 inches or more. Any combination of  
6 vehicles that has had its cargo container replaced in its  
7 entirety after December 31, 2024 may not exceed the weights  
8 allowed by the bridge formula.

9 (11) The maximum weight allowed on a vehicle with  
10 crawler type tracks is 40,000 pounds.

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

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

1 combination that is equipped with air brakes;

2 (ii) is equipped with flashing, rotating, or  
3 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet  
4 in all directions;

5 (iii) is capable of utilizing the lighting and  
6 braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination  
7 of vehicles; and

8 (iv) does not engage in a tow exceeding 20 miles  
9 from the initial point of wreck or disablement. Any  
10 additional movement of the vehicles may occur only upon  
11 issuance of authorization for that movement under the  
12 provisions of Sections 15-301 through 15-318 ~~15-319~~ of  
13 this Code. The towing vehicle, however, may tow any  
14 disabled vehicle to a point where repairs are actually  
15 to occur. This movement shall be valid only on State  
16 routes. The tower must abide by posted bridge weight  
17 limits.

18 (12.5) The vehicle weight limitations in this Section  
19 do not apply to a covered heavy duty tow and recovery  
20 vehicle. The covered heavy duty tow and recovery vehicle  
21 license plate must cover the operating empty weight of the  
22 covered heavy duty tow and recovery vehicle only.

23 (13) Upon and during a declaration of an emergency  
24 propane supply disaster by the Governor under Section 7 of  
25 the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act:

26 (i) a truck not in combination, equipped with a

1 cargo tank, used exclusively for the transportation of  
2 propane or liquefied petroleum gas may, when laden,  
3 transmit upon the road surface, except when on part of  
4 the National System of Interstate and Defense  
5 Highways, the following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds  
6 on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle;  
7 40,000 pounds gross weight on a 2-axle vehicle; 54,000  
8 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle; and

9 (ii) a truck when in combination with a trailer  
10 equipped with a cargo tank used exclusively for the  
11 transportation of propane or liquefied petroleum gas  
12 may, when laden, transmit upon the road surface, except  
13 when on part of the National System of Interstate and  
14 Defense Highways, the following maximum weights:  
15 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a  
16 tandem axle; 90,000 pounds gross weight on a 5-axle or  
17 6-axle vehicle.

18 Vehicles operating under this paragraph (13) are not  
19 subject to the bridge formula.

20 (14) A vehicle or combination of vehicles that uses  
21 natural gas or propane gas as a motor fuel may exceed the  
22 above weight limitations by up to 2,000 pounds, the total  
23 allowance is calculated by an amount that is equal to the  
24 difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable  
25 to the natural gas or propane gas tank and fueling system  
26 carried by the vehicle, and the weight of a comparable

1 diesel tank and fueling system. This paragraph (14) shall  
2 not allow a vehicle to exceed any posted weight limit on a  
3 highway or structure.

4 (15) An emergency vehicle or fire apparatus that is a  
5 vehicle designed to be used under emergency conditions to  
6 transport personnel and equipment, and used to support the  
7 suppression of fires and mitigation of other hazardous  
8 situations on a Class I highway, may not exceed 86,000  
9 pounds gross weight, or any of the following weight  
10 allowances:

- 11 (i) 24,000 pounds on a single steering axle;
- 12 (ii) 33,500 pounds on a single drive axle;
- 13 (iii) 62,000 pounds on a tandem axle; or
- 14 (iv) 52,000 pounds on a tandem rear drive steer  
15 axle.

16 (16) A bus, motor coach, or recreational vehicle may  
17 carry a total weight of 24,000 pounds on a single axle, but  
18 may not exceed other weight provisions of this Section.

19 Gross weight limits shall not apply to the combination of  
20 the tow truck and vehicles being towed. The tow truck license  
21 plate must cover the operating empty weight of the tow truck  
22 only. The weight of each vehicle being towed shall be covered  
23 by a valid license plate issued to the owner or operator of the  
24 vehicle being towed and displayed on that vehicle. If no valid  
25 plate issued to the owner or operator of that vehicle is  
26 displayed on that vehicle, or the plate displayed on that

1 vehicle does not cover the weight of the vehicle, the weight of  
2 the vehicle shall be covered by the third tow truck plate  
3 issued to the owner or operator of the tow truck and  
4 temporarily affixed to the vehicle being towed. If a roll-back  
5 carrier is registered and being used as a tow truck, however,  
6 the license plate or plates for the tow truck must cover the  
7 gross vehicle weight, including any load carried on the bed of  
8 the roll-back carrier.

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

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

21 (b) As used in this Section, "recycling haul" or "recycling  
22 operation" means the hauling of non-hazardous, non-special,  
23 non-putrescible materials, such as paper, glass, cans, or  
24 plastic, for subsequent use in the secondary materials market.

25 (c) No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with  
26 pneumatic tires shall be operated, unladen or with load, upon



1 the highways of this State in violation of the provisions of  
2 any permit issued under the provisions of Sections 15-301  
3 through 15-318 ~~15-319~~ of this Chapter.

4 (d) No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with  
5 other than pneumatic tires may be operated, unladen or with  
6 load, upon the highways of this State when the gross weight on  
7 the road surface through any wheel exceeds 800 pounds per inch  
8 width of tire tread or when the gross weight on the road  
9 surface through any axle exceeds 16,000 pounds.

10 (e) No person shall operate a vehicle or combination of  
11 vehicles over a bridge or other elevated structure constituting  
12 part of a highway with a gross weight that is greater than the  
13 maximum weight permitted by the Department, when the structure  
14 is sign posted as provided in this Section.

15 (f) The Department upon request from any local authority  
16 shall, or upon its own initiative may, conduct an investigation  
17 of any bridge or other elevated structure constituting a part  
18 of a highway, and if it finds that the structure cannot with  
19 safety to itself withstand the weight of vehicles otherwise  
20 permissible under this Code the Department shall determine and  
21 declare the maximum weight of vehicles that the structures can  
22 withstand, and shall cause or permit suitable signs stating  
23 maximum weight to be erected and maintained before each end of  
24 the structure. No person shall operate a vehicle or combination  
25 of vehicles over any structure with a gross weight that is  
26 greater than the posted maximum weight.

1 (g) Upon the trial of any person charged with a violation  
2 of subsection (e) or (f) of this Section, proof of the  
3 determination of the maximum allowable weight by the Department  
4 and the existence of the signs, constitutes conclusive evidence  
5 of the maximum weight that can be maintained with safety to the  
6 bridge or structure.

7 (Source: P.A. 99-78, eff. 7-20-15; 99-717, eff. 8-5-16;  
8 100-366, eff. 1-1-18.)

9 (625 ILCS 5/15-113.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-113.1)

10 Sec. 15-113.1. Violations-Sentence of permit moves.

11 Whenever any vehicle is operated in violation of the  
12 provisions of a permit issued under the provisions of Sections  
13 15-301 through 15-318 ~~15-319~~ of this Chapter by operating under  
14 a fraudulent permit or under a permit not specifically covering  
15 the move, the owner or driver of such vehicle shall be deemed  
16 guilty of a business offense and either the owner or the driver  
17 of such vehicle may be prosecuted for such violation. When any  
18 person, firm or corporation is convicted of such violation, the  
19 permit shall be null and void and such person, firm or  
20 corporation shall be fined in an amount not less than 10 cents  
21 per pound for each pound the gross weight of the vehicle  
22 exceeds the gross weight of such vehicles allowable under  
23 Section 15-111 of this Chapter.

24 Penalties for violations of this section shall be in  
25 addition to any penalties imposed for violation of Section

1 15-301 (j) of this Chapter.

2 (Source: P.A. 77-2830.)

3 (625 ILCS 5/15-113.2) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-113.2)

4 Sec. 15-113.2. Violations - Sentence of permit moves  
5 exceeding axle weights. Whenever any vehicle is operated in  
6 violation of the provisions of a permit issued under the  
7 provisions of Sections 15-301 through 15-318 ~~15-319~~ of this  
8 Chapter by operating with axle weights in excess of those  
9 authorized in such permit, the owner or driver of such vehicle  
10 shall be deemed guilty of a business offense and either the  
11 owner or the driver of such vehicle may be prosecuted for such  
12 violation. Any person, firm or corporation convicted of such  
13 violation shall be fined in an amount not less than 2 cents nor  
14 more than 5 cents per pound for each pound of excess weight on  
15 such axle or tandem axle in excess of the weight authorized in  
16 the permit when the excess is 1,000 pounds or less; not less  
17 than 5 cents nor more than 10 cents per pound for each pound of  
18 excess weight when the excess exceeds 1,000 pounds and is 2,000  
19 pounds or less; not less than 10 cents nor more than 15 cents  
20 per pound for each pound of excess weight when the excess  
21 exceeds 2,000 pounds and is 3,000 pounds or less; and not less  
22 than 15 cents nor more than 20 cents per pound for each pound  
23 of excess weight when the excess exceeds 3,000 pounds.

24 Penalties for violations of this section shall be in  
25 addition to any penalties imposed for violation of Section

1 15-301 (j) of this Chapter.

2 (Source: P.A. 81-199.)

3 (625 ILCS 5/15-113.3) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-113.3)

4 Sec. 15-113.3. Violations-Sentence of permit moves  
5 exceeding gross weight.

6 Whenever any vehicle is operated in violation of the  
7 provisions of a permit issued under the provisions of Sections  
8 15-301 through 15-318 ~~15-319~~ of this Chapter by operating with  
9 the gross weight in excess of that authorized in such permit,  
10 the owner or driver of such vehicle shall be deemed guilty of a  
11 business offense and either the owner or the driver of such  
12 vehicle may be prosecuted for such violation. Any person, firm  
13 or corporation convicted of such violation shall be fined in an  
14 amount not less than 2 cents nor more than 5 cents per pound  
15 for each pound of excess weight in excess of the gross weight  
16 authorized in the permit when the excess is 1,000 pounds or  
17 less; not less than 4 cents nor more than 7 cents per pound for  
18 each pound of excess weight when the excess exceeds 1,000  
19 pounds and is 2,000 pounds or less; not less than 7 cents nor  
20 more than 10 cents per pound for each pound of excess weight  
21 when the excess exceeds 2,000 pounds and is 3,000 pounds or  
22 less; not less than 10 cents nor more than 15 cents per pound  
23 for each pound of excess weight when the excess exceeds 3,000  
24 pounds and is 4,000 pounds or less; not less than 15 cents nor  
25 more than 20 cents per pound for each pound of excess weight

1 when the excess exceeds 4,000 pounds and is 5,000 pounds or  
2 less; and not less than 17 cents nor more than 25 cents per  
3 pound for each pound of excess weight when the excess exceeds  
4 5,000 pounds.

5 Penalties for violations of this section shall be in  
6 addition to any penalties imposed for violation of Section  
7 15-301 (j) of this Chapter.

8 (Source: P.A. 77-2830.)

9 (625 ILCS 5/15-301) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-301)

10 Sec. 15-301. Permits for excess size and weight.

11 (a) The Department with respect to highways under its  
12 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways  
13 under their jurisdiction may, in their discretion, upon  
14 application and good cause being shown therefor, issue a  
15 special permit authorizing the applicant to operate or move a  
16 vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of  
17 vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this Act or  
18 otherwise not in conformity with this Act upon any highway  
19 under the jurisdiction of the party granting such permit and  
20 for the maintenance of which the party is responsible.  
21 Applications and permits other than those in written or printed  
22 form may only be accepted from and issued to the company or  
23 individual making the movement. Except for an application to  
24 move directly across a highway, it shall be the duty of the  
25 applicant to establish in the application that the load to be

1 moved by such vehicle or combination cannot reasonably be  
2 dismantled or disassembled, the reasonableness of which shall  
3 be determined by the Secretary of the Department. For the  
4 purpose of over length movements, more than one object may be  
5 carried side by side as long as the height, width, and weight  
6 laws are not exceeded and the cause for the over length is not  
7 due to multiple objects. For the purpose of over height  
8 movements, more than one object may be carried as long as the  
9 cause for the over height is not due to multiple objects and  
10 the length, width, and weight laws are not exceeded. For the  
11 purpose of an over width movement, more than one object may be  
12 carried as long as the cause for the over width is not due to  
13 multiple objects and length, height, and weight laws are not  
14 exceeded. Except for transporting fluid milk products, no State  
15 or local agency shall authorize the issuance of excess size or  
16 weight permits for vehicles and loads that are divisible and  
17 that can be carried, when divided, within the existing size or  
18 weight maximums specified in this Chapter. Any excess size or  
19 weight permit issued in violation of the provisions of this  
20 Section shall be void at issue and any movement made thereunder  
21 shall not be authorized under the terms of the void permit. In  
22 any prosecution for a violation of this Chapter when the  
23 authorization of an excess size or weight permit is at issue,  
24 it is the burden of the defendant to establish that the permit  
25 was valid because the load to be moved could not reasonably be  
26 dismantled or disassembled, or was otherwise nondivisible.

1           (b) The application for any such permit shall: (1) state  
2 whether such permit is requested for a single trip or for  
3 limited continuous operation; (2) state if the applicant is an  
4 authorized carrier under the Illinois Motor Carrier of Property  
5 Law, if so, his certificate, registration or permit number  
6 issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission; (3) specifically  
7 describe and identify the vehicle or vehicles and load to be  
8 operated or moved ~~except that for vehicles or vehicle~~  
9 ~~combinations registered by the Department as provided in~~  
10 ~~Section 15-319 of this Chapter, only the Illinois Department of~~  
11 ~~Transportation's (IDT) registration number or classification~~  
12 ~~need be given;~~ (4) state the routing requested including the  
13 points of origin and destination, and may identify and include  
14 a request for routing to the nearest certified scale in  
15 accordance with the Department's rules and regulations,  
16 provided the applicant has approval to travel on local roads;  
17 and (5) state if the vehicles or loads are being transported  
18 for hire. No permits for the movement of a vehicle or load for  
19 hire shall be issued to any applicant who is required under the  
20 Illinois Motor Carrier of Property Law to have a certificate,  
21 registration or permit and does not have such certificate,  
22 registration or permit.

23           (c) The Department or local authority when not inconsistent  
24 with traffic safety is authorized to issue or withhold such  
25 permit at its discretion; or, if such permit is issued at its  
26 discretion to prescribe the route or routes to be traveled, to

1 limit the number of trips, to establish seasonal or other time  
2 limitations within which the vehicles described may be operated  
3 on the highways indicated, or otherwise to limit or prescribe  
4 conditions of operations of such vehicle or vehicles, when  
5 necessary to assure against undue damage to the road  
6 foundations, surfaces or structures, and may require such  
7 undertaking or other security as may be deemed necessary to  
8 compensate for any injury to any roadway or road structure. The  
9 Department shall maintain a daily record of each permit issued  
10 along with the fee and the stipulated dimensions, weights,  
11 conditions and restrictions authorized and this record shall be  
12 presumed correct in any case of questions or dispute. The  
13 Department shall install an automatic device for recording  
14 applications received and permits issued by telephone. In  
15 making application by telephone, the Department and applicant  
16 waive all objections to the recording of the conversation.

17 (d) The Department shall, upon application in writing from  
18 any local authority, issue an annual permit authorizing the  
19 local authority to move oversize highway construction,  
20 transportation, utility and maintenance equipment over roads  
21 under the jurisdiction of the Department. The permit shall be  
22 applicable only to equipment and vehicles owned by or  
23 registered in the name of the local authority, and no fee shall  
24 be charged for the issuance of such permits.

25 (e) As an exception to subsection ~~paragraph~~ (a) of this  
26 Section, the Department and local authorities, with respect to



1 highways under their respective jurisdictions, in their  
2 discretion and upon application in writing may issue a special  
3 permit for limited continuous operation, authorizing the  
4 applicant to move loads of agricultural commodities on a 2-axle  
5 ~~2-axle~~ single vehicle registered by the Secretary of State with  
6 axle loads not to exceed 35%, on a 3-axle or 4-axle ~~3 or 4 axle~~  
7 vehicle registered by the Secretary of State with axle loads  
8 not to exceed 20%, and on a 5-axle ~~5-axle~~ vehicle registered by  
9 the Secretary of State not to exceed 10% above those provided  
10 in Section 15-111. The total gross weight of the vehicle,  
11 however, may not exceed the maximum gross weight of the  
12 registration class of the vehicle allowed under Section 3-815  
13 or 3-818 of this Code.

14 As used in this Section, "agricultural commodities" means:

- 15 (1) cultivated plants or agricultural produce grown  
16 including, but ~~is~~ not limited to, corn, soybeans, wheat,  
17 oats, grain sorghum, canola, and rice;
- 18 (2) livestock, including, but not limited to, hogs,  
19 equine, sheep, and poultry;
- 20 (3) ensilage; and
- 21 (4) fruits and vegetables.

22 Permits may be issued for a period not to exceed 40 days  
23 and moves may be made of a distance not to exceed 50 miles from  
24 a field, an on-farm grain storage facility, a warehouse as  
25 defined in the ~~Illinois~~ Grain Code, or a livestock management  
26 facility as defined in the Livestock Management Facilities Act

1 over any highway except the National System of Interstate and  
2 Defense Highways. The operator of the vehicle, however, must  
3 abide by posted bridge and posted highway weight limits. All  
4 implements of husbandry operating under this Section between  
5 sunset and sunrise shall be equipped as prescribed in Section  
6 12-205.1.

7 (e-1) Upon a declaration by the Governor that an emergency  
8 harvest situation exists, a special permit issued by the  
9 Department under this Section shall be required from September  
10 1 through December 31 during harvest season emergencies for a  
11 vehicle that exceeds the maximum axle weight and gross weight  
12 limits under Section 15-111 of this Code or exceeds the  
13 vehicle's registered gross weight, provided that the vehicle's  
14 axle weight and gross weight do not exceed 10% above the  
15 maximum limits under Section 15-111 of this Code and does not  
16 exceed the vehicle's registered gross weight by 10%. All other  
17 restrictions that apply to permits issued under this Section  
18 shall apply during the declared time period and no fee shall be  
19 charged for the issuance of those permits. Permits issued by  
20 the Department under this subsection (e-1) are only valid on  
21 federal and State highways under the jurisdiction of the  
22 Department, except interstate highways. With respect to  
23 highways under the jurisdiction of local authorities, the local  
24 authorities may, at their discretion, waive special permit  
25 requirements during harvest season emergencies, and set a  
26 divisible load weight limit not to exceed 10% above a vehicle's

1 registered gross weight, provided that the vehicle's axle  
2 weight and gross weight do not exceed 10% above the maximum  
3 limits specified in Section 15-111. Permits issued under this  
4 subsection (e-1) shall apply to all registered vehicles  
5 eligible to obtain permits under this Section, including  
6 vehicles used in private or for-hire movement of divisible load  
7 agricultural commodities during the declared time period.

8 (f) The form and content of the permit shall be determined  
9 by the Department with respect to highways under its  
10 jurisdiction and by local authorities with respect to highways  
11 under their jurisdiction. Every permit shall be in written form  
12 and carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which  
13 it refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer  
14 or authorized agent of any authority granting the permit and no  
15 person shall violate any of the terms or conditions of such  
16 special permit. Violation of the terms and conditions of the  
17 permit shall not be deemed a revocation of the permit; however,  
18 any vehicle and load found to be off the route prescribed in  
19 the permit shall be held to be operating without a permit. Any  
20 off route vehicle and load shall be required to obtain a new  
21 permit or permits, as necessary, to authorize the movement back  
22 onto the original permit routing. No rule or regulation, nor  
23 anything herein shall be construed to authorize any police  
24 officer, court, or authorized agent of any authority granting  
25 the permit to remove the permit from the possession of the  
26 permittee unless the permittee is charged with a fraudulent

1 permit violation as provided in subsection ~~paragraph~~ (i).  
2 However, upon arrest for an offense of violation of permit,  
3 operating without a permit when the vehicle is off route, or  
4 any size or weight offense under this Chapter when the  
5 permittee plans to raise the issuance of the permit as a  
6 defense, the permittee, or his agent, must produce the permit  
7 at any court hearing concerning the alleged offense.

8 If the permit designates and includes a routing to a  
9 certified scale, the permittee, while enroute to the designated  
10 scale, shall be deemed in compliance with the weight provisions  
11 of the permit provided the axle or gross weights do not exceed  
12 any of the permitted limits by more than the following amounts:

13	Single axle	2000 pounds
14	Tandem axle	3000 pounds
15	Gross	5000 pounds

16 (g) The Department is authorized to adopt, amend, and to  
17 make available to interested persons a policy concerning  
18 reasonable rules, limitations and conditions or provisions of  
19 operation upon highways under its jurisdiction in addition to  
20 those contained in this Section for the movement by special  
21 permit of vehicles, combinations, or loads which cannot  
22 reasonably be dismantled or disassembled, including  
23 manufactured and modular home sections and portions thereof.  
24 All rules, limitations and conditions or provisions adopted in  
25 the policy shall have due regard for the safety of the  
26 traveling public and the protection of the highway system and

1 shall have been promulgated in conformity with the provisions  
2 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The requirements  
3 of the policy for flagmen and escort vehicles shall be the same  
4 for all moves of comparable size and weight. When escort  
5 vehicles are required, they shall meet the following  
6 requirements:

7 (1) All operators shall be 18 years of age or over and  
8 properly licensed to operate the vehicle.

9 (2) Vehicles escorting oversized loads more than  
10 12-feet wide must be equipped with a rotating or flashing  
11 amber light mounted on top as specified under Section  
12 12-215.

13 The Department shall establish reasonable rules and  
14 regulations regarding liability insurance or self insurance  
15 for vehicles with oversized loads promulgated under the  
16 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Police vehicles may be  
17 required for escort under circumstances as required by rules  
18 and regulations of the Department.

19 (h) Violation of any rule, limitation or condition or  
20 provision of any permit issued in accordance with the  
21 provisions of this Section shall not render the entire permit  
22 null and void but the violator shall be deemed guilty of  
23 violation of permit and guilty of exceeding any size, weight or  
24 load limitations in excess of those authorized by the permit.  
25 The prescribed route or routes on the permit are not mere  
26 rules, limitations, conditions, or provisions of the permit,

1 but are also the sole extent of the authorization granted by  
2 the permit. If a vehicle and load are found to be off the route  
3 or routes prescribed by any permit authorizing movement, the  
4 vehicle and load are operating without a permit. Any off-route  
5 ~~off-route~~ movement shall be subject to the size and weight  
6 maximums, under the applicable provisions of this Chapter, as  
7 determined by the type or class highway upon which the vehicle  
8 and load are being operated.

9 (i) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made under  
10 a fraudulent permit the permit shall be void, and the person,  
11 firm, or corporation to whom such permit was granted, the  
12 driver of such vehicle in addition to the person who issued  
13 such permit and any accessory, shall be guilty of fraud and  
14 either one or all persons may be prosecuted for such violation.  
15 Any person, firm, or corporation committing such violation  
16 shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony and the Department shall  
17 not issue permits to the person, firm or corporation convicted  
18 of such violation for a period of one year after the date of  
19 conviction. Penalties for violations of this Section shall be  
20 in addition to any penalties imposed for violation of other  
21 Sections of this Code Act.

22 (j) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made in  
23 violation of a permit issued in accordance with this Section,  
24 the person to whom such permit was granted, or the driver of  
25 such vehicle, is guilty of such violation and either, but not  
26 both, persons may be prosecuted for such violation as stated in

1 this subsection (j). Any person, firm or corporation convicted  
2 of such violation shall be guilty of a petty offense and shall  
3 be fined for the first offense, not less than \$50 nor more than  
4 \$200 and, for the second offense by the same person, firm or  
5 corporation within a period of one year, not less than \$200 nor  
6 more than \$300 and, for the third offense by the same person,  
7 firm or corporation within a period of one year after the date  
8 of the first offense, not less than \$300 nor more than \$500 and  
9 the Department shall not issue permits to the person, firm or  
10 corporation convicted of a third offense during a period of one  
11 year after the date of conviction for such third offense.

12 (k) Whenever any vehicle is operated on local roads under  
13 permits for excess width or length issued by local authorities,  
14 such vehicle may be moved upon a State highway for a distance  
15 not to exceed one-half mile without a permit for the purpose of  
16 crossing the State highway.

17 (l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,  
18 the Department, with respect to highways under its  
19 jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to highways  
20 under their jurisdiction, may at their discretion authorize the  
21 movement of a vehicle in violation of any size or weight  
22 requirement, or both, that would not ordinarily be eligible for  
23 a permit, when there is a showing of extreme necessity that the  
24 vehicle and load should be moved without unnecessary delay.

25 For the purpose of this subsection, showing of extreme  
26 necessity shall be limited to the following: shipments of

1 livestock, hazardous materials, liquid concrete being hauled  
2 in a mobile cement mixer, or hot asphalt.

3 (m) Penalties for violations of this Section shall be in  
4 addition to any penalties imposed for violating any other  
5 Section of this Code.

6 (n) The Department with respect to highways under its  
7 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways  
8 under their jurisdiction, in their discretion and upon  
9 application in writing, may issue a special permit for  
10 continuous limited operation, authorizing the applicant to  
11 operate a tow truck ~~tow-truck~~ that exceeds the weight limits  
12 provided for in subsection (a) of Section 15-111, provided:

13 (1) no rear single axle of the tow truck ~~tow-truck~~  
14 exceeds 26,000 pounds;

15 (2) no rear tandem axle of the tow truck ~~tow-truck~~  
16 exceeds 50,000 pounds;

17 (2.1) no triple rear axle on a manufactured recovery  
18 unit exceeds 60,000 pounds;

19 (3) neither the disabled vehicle nor the disabled  
20 combination of vehicles exceed the weight restrictions  
21 imposed by this Chapter 15, or the weight limits imposed  
22 under a permit issued by the Department prior to hookup;

23 (4) the tow truck ~~tow-truck~~ prior to hookup does not  
24 exceed the weight restrictions imposed by this Chapter 15;

25 (5) during the tow operation the tow truck ~~tow-truck~~  
26 does not violate any weight restriction sign;



1 (6) the tow truck ~~tow truck~~ is equipped with flashing,  
2 rotating, or oscillating amber lights, visible for at least  
3 500 feet in all directions;

4 (7) the tow truck ~~tow truck~~ is specifically designed  
5 and licensed as a tow truck ~~tow truck~~;

6 (8) the tow truck ~~tow truck~~ has a gross vehicle weight  
7 rating of sufficient capacity to safely handle the load;

8 (9) the tow truck ~~tow truck~~ is equipped with air  
9 brakes;

10 (10) the tow truck ~~tow truck~~ is capable of utilizing  
11 the lighting and braking systems of the disabled vehicle or  
12 combination of vehicles;

13 (11) the tow commences at the initial point of wreck or  
14 disablement and terminates at a point where the repairs are  
15 actually to occur;

16 (12) the permit issued to the tow truck ~~tow truck~~ is  
17 carried in the tow truck ~~tow truck~~ and exhibited on demand  
18 by a police officer; and

19 (13) the movement shall be valid only on State ~~state~~  
20 routes approved by the Department.

21 (o) (Blank).

22 (p) In determining whether a load may be reasonably  
23 dismantled or disassembled for the purpose of subsection  
24 ~~paragraph~~ (a), the Department shall consider whether there is a  
25 significant negative impact on the condition of the pavement  
26 and structures along the proposed route, whether the load or

1 vehicle as proposed causes a safety hazard to the traveling  
2 public, whether dismantling or disassembling the load promotes  
3 or stifles economic development and whether the proposed route  
4 travels less than 5 miles. A load is not required to be  
5 dismantled or disassembled for the purposes of subsection  
6 ~~paragraph~~ (a) if the Secretary of the Department determines  
7 there will be no significant negative impact to pavement or  
8 structures along the proposed route, the proposed load or  
9 vehicle causes no safety hazard to the traveling public,  
10 dismantling or disassembling the load does not promote economic  
11 development and the proposed route travels less than 5 miles.  
12 The Department may promulgate rules for the purpose of  
13 establishing the divisibility of a load pursuant to subsection  
14 ~~paragraph~~ (a). Any load determined by the Secretary to be  
15 nondivisible shall otherwise comply with the existing size or  
16 weight maximums specified in this Chapter.

17 (Source: P.A. 99-717, eff. 8-5-16; 100-70, eff. 8-11-17;  
18 revised 10-12-17.)

19 (625 ILCS 5/15-302) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-302)

20 Sec. 15-302. Fees for special permits. The Department with  
21 respect to highways under its jurisdiction shall collect a fee  
22 from the applicant for the issuance of a permit to operate or  
23 move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or load as authorized  
24 in Section 15-301. The charge for each permit shall consist of:

25 1. a service charge for special handling of a permit

1 when requested by an applicant;

2 2. fees for any dimension, axle weight or gross weight  
3 in excess of the maximum size or weight specified in this  
4 Chapter; and

5 3. additional fees for special investigations as in  
6 Section 15-311 and special police escort as in Section  
7 15-312 when required.

8 With respect to overweight fees, the charge shall be  
9 sufficient to compensate in part for the cost of the extra wear  
10 and tear on the mileage of highways over which the load is to  
11 be moved. With respect to over-dimension permits, the fee shall  
12 be sufficient to compensate in part for the special privilege  
13 of transporting oversize vehicle or vehicle combination and  
14 load and to compensate in part for the economic loss of  
15 operators of vehicles in regular operation due to inconvenience  
16 occasioned by the oversize movements.

17 Fees to be paid by the applicant are to be at the rates  
18 specified in this Chapter. In determining the fees in Section  
19 15-306 and paragraph (f) of Section 15-307, all weights shall  
20 be to the next highest 1,000 pounds and all distances shall be  
21 determined from the Illinois Official Highway Map.

22 For repeated moves of like objects which cannot be  
23 dismantled or disassembled and which are monolithically  
24 structured for permanent use in the transported form, the fees  
25 specified in Sections 15-305, 15-306 and 15-307 for other than  
26 the first move shall be reduced by \$4 provided the objects are

1 to be moved from the same origin to the same destination, the  
2 number of trips will not be less than 5, the trips will be  
3 completed within 30 days, and all applications are submitted at  
4 one time. Round trip permits shall be the same as a single trip  
5 permit except the fee shall be computed based upon the total  
6 distance traveled, and shall be for the same vehicle, vehicle  
7 combination or like load traveling both directions over the  
8 same route, provided a description including make and model of  
9 the equipment being transported is furnished to the Department,  
10 ~~except that a vehicle combination registered by the Department~~  
11 ~~as provided in Section 15-319 may be one of the same class.~~  
12 Limited continuous operation permits are to be valid for a  
13 period of 90 days or one year, and shall be for the same  
14 vehicle, vehicle combination or like load.

15 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

16 (625 ILCS 5/15-319 rep.)

17 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
18 repealing Section 15-319.