

1 AN ACT concerning vehicles.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 15-111, 15-201, 15-202, and 15-301 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/15-111) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-111)

7 Sec. 15-111. Wheel and axle loads and gross weights.

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

14 (1) when a different limit is established and posted in
15 accordance with Section 15-316 of this Code;

16 (2) 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 (3) tow trucks subject to the conditions provided in
20 subsection (d) may not exceed 24,000 pounds on a single
21 rear axle or 44,000 pounds on a tandem rear axle;

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

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

29 (6) any single axle of a 2-axle truck specially
30 equipped with a front loading compactor used exclusively
31 for garbage, refuse, or recycling may not exceed 20,000
32 pounds per axle, provided that the gross weight of the

1 vehicle does not exceed 40,000 pounds;

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

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

13 (9) tandem axles on a 3-axle truck registered as a
14 Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in the
15 model year of 2014 and first registered in Illinois prior
16 to January 1, 2015, with a distance greater than 72 inches
17 but not more than 96 inches between any series of 2 axles,
18 is allowed a combined weight on the series not to exceed
19 36,000 pounds and neither axle of the series may exceed
20 18,000 pounds. Any vehicle of this type manufactured after
21 the model year of 2014 or first registered in Illinois
22 after December 31, 2014 may not exceed a combined weight of
23 32,000 pounds through the series of 2 axles and neither
24 axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds;

25 (10) tandem axles on a 4-axle truck mixer, whose fourth
26 axle is a road surface engaging mixer trailing axle,
27 registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle, used exclusively
28 for the mixing and transportation of concrete and
29 manufactured prior to or in the model year of 2014 and
30 first registered in Illinois prior to January 1, 2015, with
31 a distance greater than 72 inches but not more than 96
32 inches between any series of 2 axles, is allowed a combined
33 weight on the series not to exceed 36,000 pounds and
34 neither axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds. Any
35 vehicle of this type manufactured after the model year of
36 2014 or first registered in Illinois after December 31,

1 2014 may not exceed a combined weight of 32,000 pounds
2 through the series of 2 axles and neither axle of the
3 series may exceed 18,000 pounds;

4 (11) 4-axle vehicles or a 5 or more axle combination of
5 vehicles: The weight transmitted upon the road surface
6 through any series of 3 axles whose centers are more than
7 96 inches apart, measured between extreme axles in the
8 series, may not exceed those allowed in the table contained
9 in subsection (f) of this Section. No axle or tandem axle
10 of the series may exceed the maximum weight permitted under
11 this Section for a single or tandem axle.

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

18 (b) On non-designated highways, the gross weight of
19 vehicles and combination of vehicles including the weight of
20 the vehicle or combination and its maximum load shall be
21 subject to the foregoing limitations and further shall not
22 exceed the following gross weights dependent upon the number of
23 axles and distance between extreme axles of the vehicle or
24 combination measured longitudinally to the nearest foot.

25 VEHICLES HAVING 2 AXLES 36,000 pounds

26 VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS

27 HAVING 3 AXLES

28	With Tandem		With or	
29	Axles		Without	
30			Tandem Axles	
31	Minimum		Minimum	
32	distance to	Maximum	distance to	Maximum
33	nearest foot	Gross	nearest foot	Gross
34	between	Weight	between	Weight

1	extreme axles	(pounds)	extreme axles	(pounds)
2	10 feet	41,000	16 feet	46,000
3	11	42,000	17	47,000
4	12	43,000	18	47,500
5	13	44,000	19	48,000
6	14	44,500	20	49,000
7	15	45,000	21 feet or more	50,000

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VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS HAVING 4 AXLES

10	Minimum		Minimum	
11	distance to	Maximum	distance to	Maximum
12	nearest foot	Gross	nearest foot	Gross
13	between	Weight	between	Weight
14	extreme axles	(pounds)	extreme axles	(pounds)
15	15 feet	50,000	26 feet	57,500
16	16	50,500	27	58,000
17	17	51,500	28	58,500
18	18	52,000	29	59,500
19	19	52,500	30	60,000
20	20	53,500	31	60,500
21	21	54,000	32	61,500
22	22	54,500	33	62,000
23	23	55,500	34	62,500
24	24	56,000	35	63,500
25	25	56,500	36 feet or more	64,000

26 A vehicle not in a combination having more than 4 axles may
 27 not exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (b) for 4
 28 axles measured between the extreme axles of the vehicle.

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COMBINATIONS HAVING 5 OR MORE AXLES

31	Minimum distance to	Maximum
32	nearest foot between	Gross Weight
33	extreme axles	(pounds)
34	42 feet or less	72,000
35	43	73,000
36	44 feet or more	73,280

1 VEHICLES OPERATING ON CRAWLER TYPE TRACKS 40,000 pounds

2 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH SELFCOMPACTORS
3 OR ROLL-OFF HOISTS AND ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS FOR GARBAGE
4 OR REFUSE HAULS ONLY AND TRUCKS USED FOR
5 THE COLLECTION OF RENDERING MATERIALS
6 On Highway Not Part of National System

7 of Interstate and Defense Highways

8 with 2 axles 36,000 pounds

9 with 3 axles 54,000 pounds

10 TWO AXLE TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH
11 A FRONT LOADING COMPACTOR USED EXCLUSIVELY
12 FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, REFUSE, OR RECYCLING
13 with 2 axles 40,000 pounds

14 (b-1) A vehicle transporting agricultural cash crops or
15 loads of fruits or vegetables and ensilage on a designated or
16 non-designated highway, during the harvest season only, is in
17 compliance with this Section if its gross weight is less than
18 80,000 pounds and exceeds the gross weight permitted by this
19 Section by not more than 10% and the vehicle is traveling from
20 the field to the first point of storage, marketing, or
21 processing. The operator of the vehicle, however, must abide by
22 posted bridge weight limits. For the purpose of this Section,
23 "cash crops" means cultivated plants or agricultural produce
24 grown for direct sale and includes, but is not limited to:
25 corn, soybeans, wheat, oats, grain sorghum, canola, and rice.

26 This subsection (b-1) does not apply to the National System
27 of Interstate and Defense Highways.

28 (c) Cities having a population of more than 50,000 may
29 permit by ordinance axle loads on 2 axle motor vehicles 33 1/2%
30 above those provided for herein, but the increase shall not
31 become effective until the city has officially notified the
32 Department of the passage of the ordinance and shall not apply

1 to those vehicles when outside of the limits of the city, nor
2 shall the gross weight of any 2 axle motor vehicle operating
3 over any street of the city exceed 40,000 pounds.

4 (d) Weight limitations shall not apply to vehicles
5 (including loads) operated by a public utility when
6 transporting equipment required for emergency repair of public
7 utility facilities or properties or water wells.

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

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

24 (2) is equipped with flashing, rotating, or
25 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500 feet in
26 all directions;

27 (3) is capable of utilizing the lighting and braking
28 systems of the disabled vehicle or combination of vehicles;
29 and

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

35 Gross weight limits shall not apply to the combination of
36 the tow truck and vehicles being towed. The tow truck license

1 plate must cover the operating empty weight of the tow truck
2 only. The weight of each vehicle being towed shall be covered
3 by a valid license plate issued to the owner or operator of the
4 vehicle being towed and displayed on that vehicle. If no valid
5 plate issued to the owner or operator of that vehicle is
6 displayed on that vehicle, or the plate displayed on that
7 vehicle does not cover the weight of the vehicle, the weight of
8 the vehicle shall be covered by the third tow truck plate
9 issued to the owner or operator of the tow truck and
10 temporarily affixed to the vehicle being towed.

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

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

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

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

1 produced by the application of the following formula: $W = 500$
 2 times the sum of $(LN \text{ divided by } N-1) + 12N + 36$, where "W"
 3 equals overall total weight on any group of 2 or more
 4 consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds, "L" equals the
 5 distance measured to the nearest foot between extremes of any
 6 group of 2 or more consecutive axles, and "N" equals the number
 7 of axles in the group under consideration.

8 The above formula when expressed in tabular form results in
 9 allowable loads as follows:

10	Distance measured					
11	to the nearest					
12	foot between the					
13	extremes of any		Maximum weight in pounds			
14	group of 2 or		of any group of			
15	more consecutive		2 or more consecutive axles			
16	axles					
17	feet	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles
18	4	34,000				
19	5	34,000				
20	6	34,000				
21	7	34,000				
22	8	38,000*	42,000			
23	9	39,000	42,500			
24	10	40,000	43,500			
25	11		44,000			
26	12		45,000	50,000		
27	13		45,500	50,500		
28	14		46,500	51,500		
29	15		47,000	52,000		
30	16		48,000	52,500	58,000	
31	17		48,500	53,500	58,500	
32	18		49,500	54,000	59,000	
33	19		50,000	54,500	60,000	
34	20		51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000
35	21		51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500

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

1 *If the distance between 2 axles is 96 inches or less, the 2
2 axles are tandem axles and the maximum total weight may not
3 exceed 34,000 pounds, notwithstanding the higher limit
4 resulting from the application of the formula.

5 Vehicles not in a combination having more than 4 axles may
6 not exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (f) for 4
7 axles measured between the extreme axles of the vehicle.

8 Vehicles in a combination having more than 6 axles may not
9 exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (f) for 6
10 axles measured between the extreme axles of the combination.

11 Local authorities, with respect to streets and highways
12 under their jurisdiction, without additional fees, may also by
13 ordinance or resolution allow the weight limitations of this
14 subsection, provided the maximum gross weight on any one axle
15 shall not exceed 20,000 pounds and the maximum total weight on
16 any tandem axle shall not exceed 34,000 pounds, on designated
17 highways when appropriate regulatory signs giving notice are
18 erected upon the street or highway or portion of any street or
19 highway affected by the ordinance or resolution.

20 The following are exceptions to the above formula:

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

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

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

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

34 (5) A tandem axle on a 3-axle truck registered as a
35 Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in the
36 model year of 2014, and registered in Illinois prior to

1 January 1, 2015, with a distance between 2 axles in a
2 series greater than 72 inches but not more than 96 inches
3 may not exceed a total weight of 36,000 pounds and neither
4 axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds.

5 (6) A truck not in combination, equipped with a self
6 compactor or an industrial roll-off hoist and roll-off
7 container, used exclusively for garbage or refuse
8 operations, may, when laden, transmit upon the road
9 surface, except when on part of the National System of
10 Interstate and Defense Highways, the following maximum
11 weights: 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a
12 tandem axle; 36,000 pounds gross weight on a 2-axle
13 vehicle; 54,000 pounds gross weight on a 3-axle vehicle.
14 This vehicle is not subject to the bridge formula.

15 (7) Combinations of vehicles, registered as Special
16 Hauling Vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured
17 prior to or in the model year of 2014, and registered in
18 Illinois prior to January 1, 2015, having 5 axles with a
19 distance of 42 feet or less between extreme axles, may not
20 exceed the following maximum weights: 18,000 pounds on a
21 single axle; 32,000 pounds on a tandem axle; and 72,000
22 pounds gross weight. This combination of vehicles is not
23 subject to the bridge formula. For all those combinations
24 of vehicles that include a semitrailer manufactured after
25 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd
26 General Assembly, the overall distance between the first
27 and last axles of the 2 sets of tandems must be 18 feet 6
28 inches or more. Any combination of vehicles that has had
29 its cargo container replaced in its entirety after December
30 31, 2014 may not exceed the weights allowed by the bridge
31 formula.

32 No vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with other
33 than pneumatic tires may be operated, unladen or with load,
34 upon the highways of this State when the gross weight on the
35 road surface through any wheel exceeds 800 pounds per inch
36 width of tire tread or when the gross weight on the road

1 surface through any axle exceeds 16,000 pounds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (f-2) A vehicle and load greater than 73,280 pounds in
22 weight but not exceeding 80,000 pounds is allowed access as
23 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,
27 provided there is no sign prohibiting that access.

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

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

35 (g) No person shall operate a vehicle or combination of
36 vehicles over a bridge or other elevated structure constituting

1 part of a highway with a gross weight that is greater than the
2 maximum weight permitted by the Department, when the structure
3 is sign posted as provided in this Section.

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

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

22 (Source: P.A. 92-417, eff. 1-1-02; 93-177, eff. 7-11-03;
23 93-186, eff. 1-1-04; revised 1-22-04.)

24 (625 ILCS 5/15-201) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-201)

25 Sec. 15-201. Vehicles exceeding prescribed weight limits -
26 Preventing use of highway by.

27 The Department of State Police is directed to institute and
28 maintain a non-discriminatory program designed to prevent the
29 use of public highways by vehicles which exceed the maximum
30 weights allowed by Section 15-111 of this Act or which exceeds
31 the maximum weights allowed as evidenced by the license plates
32 attached to such vehicle and which license is required by this
33 Act.

34 (Source: P.A. 84-25.)

1 (625 ILCS 5/15-202) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-202)

2 Sec. 15-202. Enforcement.

3 Such program shall make provision for an intensive yet
4 non-discriminatory campaign by the State Police to apprehend
5 any violators of the acts above mentioned, and at all times to
6 maintain a vigilant watch for possible violators of such acts.

7 (Source: P.A. 77-506.)

8 (625 ILCS 5/15-301) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-301)

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

10 (a) The Department with respect to highways under its
11 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways
12 under their jurisdiction may, in their discretion, upon
13 application and good cause being shown therefor, issue a
14 special permit authorizing the applicant to operate or move a
15 vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight of
16 vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this Act or
17 otherwise not in conformity with this Act upon any highway
18 under the jurisdiction of the party granting such permit and
19 for the maintenance of which the party is responsible.
20 Applications and permits other than those in written or printed
21 form may only be accepted from and issued to the company or
22 individual making the movement. Except for an application to
23 move directly across a highway, it shall be the duty of the
24 applicant to establish in the application that the load to be
25 moved by such vehicle or combination is composed of a single
26 nondivisible object that cannot reasonably be dismantled or
27 disassembled. For the purpose of over length movements, more
28 than one object may be carried side by side as long as the
29 height, width, and weight laws are not exceeded and the cause
30 for the over length is not due to multiple objects. For the
31 purpose of over height movements, more than one object may be
32 carried as long as the cause for the over height is not due to
33 multiple objects and the length, width, and weight laws are not
34 exceeded. For the purpose of an over width movement, more than
35 one object may be carried as long as the cause for the over

1 width is not due to multiple objects and length, height, and
2 weight laws are not exceeded. No state or local agency shall
3 authorize the issuance of excess size or weight permits for
4 vehicles and loads that are divisible and that can be carried,
5 when divided, within the existing size or weight maximums
6 specified in this Chapter. Any excess size or weight permit
7 issued in violation of the provisions of this Section shall be
8 void at issue and any movement made thereunder shall not be
9 authorized under the terms of the void permit. In any
10 prosecution for a violation of this Chapter when the
11 authorization of an excess size or weight permit is at issue,
12 it is the burden of the defendant to establish that the permit
13 was valid because the load to be moved could not reasonably be
14 dismantled or disassembled, or was otherwise nondivisible.

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

1 (c) The Department or local authority when not inconsistent
2 with traffic safety is authorized to issue or withhold such
3 permit at its discretion; or, if such permit is issued at its
4 discretion to prescribe the route or routes to be traveled, to
5 limit the number of trips, to establish seasonal or other time
6 limitations within which the vehicles described may be operated
7 on the highways indicated, or otherwise to limit or prescribe
8 conditions of operations of such vehicle or vehicles, when
9 necessary to assure against undue damage to the road
10 foundations, surfaces or structures, and may require such
11 undertaking or other security as may be deemed necessary to
12 compensate for any injury to any roadway or road structure. The
13 Department shall maintain a daily record of each permit issued
14 along with the fee and the stipulated dimensions, weights,
15 conditions and restrictions authorized and this record shall be
16 presumed correct in any case of questions or dispute. The
17 Department shall install an automatic device for recording
18 applications received and permits issued by telephone. In
19 making application by telephone, the Department and applicant
20 waive all objections to the recording of the conversation.

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

29 (e) As an exception to paragraph (a) of this Section, the
30 Department and local authorities, with respect to highways
31 under their respective jurisdictions, in their discretion and
32 upon application in writing may issue a special permit for
33 limited continuous operation, authorizing the applicant to
34 move loads of agricultural cash crops or loads of fruits or
35 vegetables and ensilage ~~sweet corn, soybeans, corn, wheat,~~
36 ~~milo, other small grains and ensilage during the harvest season~~

1 ~~only~~ on a 2 axle single vehicle registered by the Secretary of
2 State with axle loads not to exceed 35%, on a 3 or 4 axle
3 vehicle registered by the Secretary of State with axle loads
4 not to exceed 20%, and on a 5 axle vehicle registered by the
5 Secretary of State not to exceed 10% above those provided in
6 Section 15-111. The total gross weight of the vehicle, however,
7 may not exceed 80,000 pounds. As used in this Section, "cash
8 crops" means cultivated plants or agricultural produce grown
9 for direct sale and includes, but is not limited to: corn,
10 soybeans, wheat, oats, grain sorghum, canola, and rice. Permits
11 may be issued for a period not to exceed 40 days and moves may
12 be made of a distance not to exceed 50 ~~25~~ miles from a field,
13 storage, marketing, or processing facility ~~to a specified~~
14 ~~processing plant~~ over any highway except the National System of
15 Interstate and Defense Highways. The operator of the vehicle,
16 however, must abide by posted bridge weight limits. All such
17 vehicles shall be operated in the daytime except when weather
18 or crop conditions require emergency operation at night, but
19 with respect to such night operation, every such vehicle with
20 load shall be equipped with flashing amber lights as specified
21 under Section 12-215.

22 (e-1) Upon a declaration by the Governor that an emergency
23 harvest situation exists, a special permit issued by the
24 Department under this Section shall not be required from
25 September 1 through December 31 during harvest season
26 emergencies, provided that the weight does not exceed 20% above
27 the limits provided in Section 15-111. All other restrictions
28 that apply to permits issued under this Section shall apply
29 during the declared time period. With respect to highways under
30 the jurisdiction of local authorities, the local authorities
31 may, at their discretion, waive special permit requirements
32 during harvest season emergencies. This permit exemption shall
33 apply to all vehicles eligible to obtain permits under this
34 Section, including commercial vehicles in use during the
35 declared time period.

36 (f) The form and content of the permit shall be determined

1 by the Department with respect to highways under its
2 jurisdiction and by local authorities with respect to highways
3 under their jurisdiction. Every permit shall be in written form
4 and carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which
5 it refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer
6 or authorized agent of any authority granting the permit and no
7 person shall violate any of the terms or conditions of such
8 special permit. Violation of the terms and conditions of the
9 permit shall not be deemed a revocation of the permit; however,
10 any vehicle and load found to be off the route prescribed in
11 the permit shall be held to be operating without a permit. Any
12 off route vehicle and load shall be required to obtain a new
13 permit or permits, as necessary, to authorize the movement back
14 onto the original permit routing. No rule or regulation, nor
15 anything herein shall be construed to authorize any police
16 officer, court, or authorized agent of any authority granting
17 the permit to remove the permit from the possession of the
18 permittee unless the permittee is charged with a fraudulent
19 permit violation as provided in paragraph (i). However, upon
20 arrest for an offense of violation of permit, operating without
21 a permit when the vehicle is off route, or any size or weight
22 offense under this Chapter when the permittee plans to raise
23 the issuance of the permit as a defense, the permittee, or his
24 agent, must produce the permit at any court hearing concerning
25 the alleged offense.

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

31 Single axle	2000 pounds
32 Tandem axle	3000 pounds
33 Gross	5000 pounds

34 (g) The Department is authorized to adopt, amend, and to
35 make available to interested persons a policy concerning
36 reasonable rules, limitations and conditions or provisions of

1 operation upon highways under its jurisdiction in addition to
2 those contained in this Section for the movement by special
3 permit of vehicles, combinations, or loads which cannot
4 reasonably be dismantled or disassembled, including
5 manufactured and modular home sections and portions thereof.
6 All rules, limitations and conditions or provisions adopted in
7 the policy shall have due regard for the safety of the
8 traveling public and the protection of the highway system and
9 shall have been promulgated in conformity with the provisions
10 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The requirements
11 of the policy for flagmen and escort vehicles shall be the same
12 for all moves of comparable size and weight. When escort
13 vehicles are required, they shall meet the following
14 requirements:

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

17 (2) Vehicles escorting oversized loads more than
18 12-feet wide must be equipped with a rotating or flashing
19 amber light mounted on top as specified under Section
20 12-215.

21 The Department shall establish reasonable rules and
22 regulations regarding liability insurance or self insurance
23 for vehicles with oversized loads promulgated under The
24 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Police vehicles may be
25 required for escort under circumstances as required by rules
26 and regulations of the Department.

27 (h) Violation of any rule, limitation or condition or
28 provision of any permit issued in accordance with the
29 provisions of this Section shall not render the entire permit
30 null and void but the violator shall be deemed guilty of
31 violation of permit and guilty of exceeding any size, weight or
32 load limitations in excess of those authorized by the permit.
33 The prescribed route or routes on the permit are not mere
34 rules, limitations, conditions, or provisions of the permit,
35 but are also the sole extent of the authorization granted by
36 the permit. If a vehicle and load are found to be off the route

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

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

20 (j) Whenever any vehicle is operated or movement made in
21 violation of a permit issued in accordance with this Section,
22 the person to whom such permit was granted, or the driver of
23 such vehicle, is guilty of such violation and either, but not
24 both, persons may be prosecuted for such violation as stated in
25 this subsection (j). Any person, firm or corporation convicted
26 of such violation shall be guilty of a petty offense and shall
27 be fined for the first offense, not less than \$50 nor more than
28 \$200 and, for the second offense by the same person, firm or
29 corporation within a period of one year, not less than \$200 nor
30 more than \$300 and, for the third offense by the same person,
31 firm or corporation within a period of one year after the date
32 of the first offense, not less than \$300 nor more than \$500 and
33 the Department shall not issue permits to the person, firm or
34 corporation convicted of a third offense during a period of one
35 year after the date of conviction for such third offense.

36 (k) Whenever any vehicle is operated on local roads under

1 permits for excess width or length issued by local authorities,
2 such vehicle may be moved upon a State highway for a distance
3 not to exceed one-half mile without a permit for the purpose of
4 crossing the State highway.

5 (l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,
6 the Department, with respect to highways under its
7 jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to highways
8 under their jurisdiction, may at their discretion authorize the
9 movement of a vehicle in violation of any size or weight
10 requirement, or both, that would not ordinarily be eligible for
11 a permit, when there is a showing of extreme necessity that the
12 vehicle and load should be moved without unnecessary delay.

13 For the purpose of this subsection, showing of extreme
14 necessity shall be limited to the following: shipments of
15 livestock, hazardous materials, liquid concrete being hauled
16 in a mobile cement mixer, or hot asphalt.

17 (m) Penalties for violations of this Section shall be in
18 addition to any penalties imposed for violating any other
19 Section of this Code.

20 (n) The Department with respect to highways under its
21 jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways
22 under their jurisdiction, in their discretion and upon
23 application in writing, may issue a special permit for
24 continuous limited operation, authorizing the applicant to
25 operate a tow-truck that exceeds the weight limits provided for
26 in subsection (d) of Section 15-111, provided:

27 (1) no rear single axle of the tow-truck exceeds 26,000
28 pounds;

29 (2) no rear tandem axle of the tow-truck exceeds 50,000
30 pounds;

31 (3) neither the disabled vehicle nor the disabled
32 combination of vehicles exceed the weight restrictions
33 imposed by this Chapter 15, or the weight limits imposed
34 under a permit issued by the Department prior to hookup;

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

1 (5) during the tow operation the tow-truck does not
2 violate any weight restriction sign;

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

6 (7) the tow-truck is specifically designed and
7 licensed as a tow-truck;

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

10 (9) the tow-truck is equipped with air brakes;

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

14 (11) the tow distance of the tow does not exceed 50
15 miles from the point of disablement to a place of repair or
16 safekeeping;

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

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

22 (Source: P.A. 90-89, eff. 1-1-98; 90-228, eff. 7-25-97; 90-655,
23 eff. 7-30-98; 90-676, eff. 7-31-98; 91-569, eff. 1-1-00.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.