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1	AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3471
2	AMENDMENT NO Amend Senate Bill 3471 by replacing
3	everything after the enacting clause with the following:
4	"Section 5. The Illinois Highway Code is amended by
5	changing Sections 6-301, 6-303, 6-305, 6-307, 6-308, 6-309,
6	6-311, 6-312, 6-313, 6-314, 6-315a, 6-319, and 6-327 as
7	follows:
8	(605 ILCS 5/6-301) (from Ch. 121, par. 6-301)
9	Sec. 6-301. All township and district roads established
10	under this Division of this Code shall be not less than 40 feet
11	in width, except as provided in Section 6-327.
12	Highway commissioners in single township road districts
13	may annually determine that certain roads in the district are
14	vital to the general benefit of the district and designate them
15	all or in part as arterial district roads. The designation must
16	be approved by the county superintendent of highways, after

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1 notice and hearing, prior to the commissioners' recording the 2 roads with the county superintendent of highways. No road or 3 portion thereof designated as arterial shall be closed, or 4 vacated, or permanently posted at a reduced weight limit 5 without written approval of the county despite the road's 6 inclusion in any annexation or incorporation proceedings provided for in the Illinois Municipal Code. This paragraph 7 8 does not apply to roads in home rule units of government nor 9 the roads included in our annexation proceeding by home rule 10 units of governments.

11 This Division of this Code shall not apply to proceedings 12 for laying out, widening, altering or vacating streets in 13 municipalities, except as provided in this Section.

14 (Source: P.A. 86-1229.)

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(605 ILCS 5/6-303) (from Ch. 121, par. 6-303)

Sec. 6-303. Existing township and district roads may be 16 17 widened, altered, or vacated, or permanently posted at a reduced weight limit and new township and district roads may be 18 19 laid out in the manner provided in this Division of this Code. Any number of voters not less than 5% of the legal voters, or 20 12 legal voters, whichever is less, residing in any road 21 22 district may file a petition with the highway commissioner of such district, praying for the laying out, widening, altering 23 24 or vacation of such roads. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, in counties with a population between 125,000 and 25

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1 130,000, a petition for laying out, widening, altering, or 2 vacating roads in a subdivision established under a county 3 subdivision ordinance, where the final plat of the subdivision 4 was approved by the county board, shall be filed with the 5 county board unless the plat was filed with the county recorder 6 at least 15 years before the petition is filed.

However, where the laying out, widening, altering, or 7 vacating, or permanent posting at a reduced weight limit of a 8 9 township or district road is required by the construction, 10 operation, or maintenance of a State highway, the Department, 11 in lieu of a petition may file a certificate, signed by the Secretary of the Department, or his duly authorized agent, 12 13 setting forth the necessity for the laying out, widening, 14 altering, or permanent posting at a reduced weight 15 limit of such roads. The procedure upon the filing of such 16 certificate shall be the same as, and conform to, the procedure followed upon the filing of a petition. Such petition or 17 certificate shall set forth a description of the road and what 18 part is to be widened, altered, or permanently 19 20 posted at a reduced weight limit, and if for a new road the names of the owners of lands, if known, and if not known it 21 22 shall so state, over which the road is to pass, the points at 23 or near which it is to terminate. When the general course of 24 relocated roads shall render the same practicable, such 25 relocated roads shall be laid out on section lines, or regular 26 divisional lines subdividing a section or sections.

1 The highway commissioner, in lieu of a petition, may file a 2 certificate with district clerk and county clerk to vacate <u>or</u> 3 <u>permanently post at a reduced weight limit</u> roads. The procedure 4 upon filing of such certificate shall be the same as, and 5 conform to, the procedure followed upon the filing of a 6 petition.

7 (Source: P.A. 87-1121.)

8 (605 ILCS 5/6-305) (from Ch. 121, par. 6-305)

9 Sec. 6-305. Whenever the highway commissioner receives a 10 certificate from the Department as provided in Section 6-303 of this Act, or a petition praying for the laying out, widening, 11 12 altering, or vacation, or permanent posting at a reduced weight limit of a township or district road, he shall fix a time when 13 14 and a place where he will examine the route of such township or 15 district road and hear reasons for or against the laying out, widening, altering, or vacating, or permanent posting at a 16 reduced weight limit. He shall give at least 10 days' written 17 notice of the time and place of such examination and hearing to 18 19 the county superintendent of highways and to any municipality 20 which is affected by such action occurring within its planning 21 area, and by publication in at least one newspaper published in the township or district or, in the absence of such published 22 23 newspaper, in at least one newspaper of general circulation in 24 the township or district or, in the absence of such generally 25 circulated newspaper, by posting notices in 5 of the most

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1 public places in the district in the vicinity of the road to be laid out, widened, altered, or vacated, or permanently posted 2 at a reduced weight limit. The commissioner may, by written 3 4 notice to the county superintendent of highways and any 5 affected municipality, and by public announcement and by the posting of a notice at the time and place named for the first 6 hearing, adjourn such hearing from time to time, but not for a 7 longer period than 10 days. At such meeting, or such adjourned 8 9 meeting the commissioner shall decide and publicly announce 10 whether he will grant or refuse the prayer of the petition, and 11 shall endorse upon or annex to the petition a brief memorandum of such decision. The memorandum shall be signed by the 12 13 commissioner and filed within 5 days thereafter in the office 14 of the district clerk. The commissioner shall also send a copy 15 of the memorandum to the county superintendent of highways and 16 any affected municipality, and, in cases where action is initiated as the result of a Department certificate, a copy of 17 18 the memorandum to the Department.

19 No road shall be laid out, widened, altered, or vacated, or 20 permanently posted at a reduced weight limit unless the highway 21 commissioner finds that such alteration, or vacation, or 22 permanent posting at a reduced weight limit is in the public and economic interest and further finds that any person 23 24 residing or owning land within 2 miles of any portion of the 25 road proposed to be altered, or vacated, or permanently posted 26 at a reduced weight limit shall still have reasonable access

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1 (but not necessarily a direct route) by way of a motor vehicle 2 or other portable farm machinery commonly used in the area to 3 farm land he owns or operates and to community and trade 4 centers after the road is altered or vacated. Such findings 5 shall be contained in the memorandum of decision signed by the 6 highway commissioner.

A final hearing may be held at the time of the preliminary or adjourned meeting if all damages have been released, all surveys and plats are made and there are no objectors. If there are objectors, the final hearing shall be held as provided for in Section 6-311.

12 (Source: P.A. 85-1421.)

13 (605 ILCS 5/6-307) (from Ch. 121, par. 6-307)

14 Sec. 6-307. If the highway commissioner, or upon appeal 15 from his decision, the county superintendent of highways, shall enter a preliminary order for the laying out, widening, 16 alteration, or permanent posting at a reduced 17 weight limit of a township or district road, the highway 18 19 commissioner or county superintendent of highways, as the case may be, shall cause a survey and plat of such township or 20 21 district road to be made by a competent surveyor who shall 22 report such survey and plat to the highway commissioner or 23 county superintendent, as the case may be, giving the courses 24 and distances and specifying the land over which such road is 25 to pass; in which he may make such changes between the termini 09800SB3471sam001 -7- LRB098 19819 MLW 57039 a

1 of the road described in the petition, as the convenience and interest of the public in his judgment may require. Upon the 2 3 petition of 12 land owners residing in the district where the 4 road is situated, it shall be the duty of the highway 5 commissioner or county superintendent, as the case may be, 6 within a reasonable time to employ a competent surveyor and have any road designated in such petition to 7 be once 8 resurveyed.

9 (Source: Laws 1959, p. 196.)

10 (605 ILCS 5/6-308) (from Ch. 121, par. 6-308)

Sec. 6-308. Whenever the highway commissioner of any road 11 12 district or upon appeal from his decision, the county 13 superintendent of highways has entered a preliminary order for 14 the laying out, widening, alteration, or permanent 15 posting at a reduced weight limit of a township or district road, and a survey therefor has been completed as hereinbefore 16 provided, proceedings shall next be taken to fix the damages 17 18 which will be sustained by the adjoining land owners by reason 19 of such laying out, widening, altering, or vacation, or permanent posting at a reduced weight limit. In case such 20 21 preliminary order was entered by the highway commissioner, he 22 shall act for the district in all matters relating to the 23 fixing of damages, as well as the surveying of such road. But 24 in case such order was entered by the county superintendent of 25 highways on appeal, as aforesaid, the county superintendent 09800SB3471sam001

1 shall represent the district in such matters.

2 (Source: Laws 1959, p. 196.)

3 (605 ILCS 5/6-309) (from Ch. 121, par. 6-309)

4 Sec. 6-309. The damages sustained by the owner or owners of 5 land by reason of the laying out, widening, alteration, or vacation, or permanent posting at a reduced weight limit of a 6 7 township or district road, may be agreed upon by the owners of 8 such lands, if competent to contract, and the highway 9 commissioner or county superintendent, as the case may be. Such 10 damages may also be released by such owners, and in such case the agreement or release shall be in writing, the same shall be 11 12 filed and recorded with the copy of the order laying out, 13 widening, altering, or vacating, or permanently posting at a 14 reduced weight limit such road in the office of the district 15 clerk, and shall be a perpetual bar against such owners, their grantees and assigns for all further claims for such damages. 16

17 In the highway commissioner or the county case 18 superintendent, as the case may be, acting for the road 19 district, is unable to agree with the owner or owners of the land necessary for the laying out, widening or alteration of 20 21 such road on the compensation to be paid, the highway 22 commissioner, or the county superintendent of highways, as the 23 case may be, may in the name of the road district, enter 24 condemnation proceedings to procure such land, in the same 25 manner as near as may be, as provided for the exercise of the 1 right of eminent domain under the Eminent Domain Act.

2 (Source: P.A. 94-1055, eff. 1-1-07.)

3 (605 ILCS 5/6-311) (from Ch. 121, par. 6-311)

4 Sec. 6-311. Within 20 days after the damages likely to be 5 sustained by reason of the proposed laying out, widening, alteration, or vacation, or permanent posting at a reduced 6 weight limit of any township or district road have been finally 7 8 ascertained, either by agreement of the parties or bv 9 condemnation proceedings, or within 20 days after such damages 10 may have been released, the highway commissioner or the county superintendent of highways, as the case may be, shall hold a 11 12 public hearing at which he shall hear and consider reasons for 13 or against the proposed laying out, widening, alteration, or 14 vacation, or permanent posting at a reduced weight limit of 15 such road, and at which time and place he shall publicly announce his final decision relative thereto. The highway 16 commissioner or the county superintendent of highways, as the 17 case may be, shall give public notice of such public hearing by 18 19 publication in at least one newspaper published in the township 20 or district or, in the absence of such published newspaper, in 21 at least one newspaper of general circulation in the township 22 or district or, in the absence of such generally circulated 23 newspaper at the time prescribed for notice, by posting notices 24 thereof in at least 5 of the most public places in the district 25 in the vicinity of the road for at least 5 days prior thereto.

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A written notice shall be mailed or delivered to all owners of the property adjacent to the road which is the subject of the hearing. A written notice may be mailed or delivered to every person known to have been present at the hearings conducted pursuant to Sections 6-305 and 6-306 of this Act and to every other person who has requested such notice.

At such time and place the highway commissioner, if he is 7 the official conducting the hearing, shall determine the 8 9 advisability of such proposed laying out, widening, 10 alteration, or permanent posting at a reduced 11 weight limit of such road, shall make an order for the same and shall within 5 days thereafter file such order in the office of 12 13 the district clerk.

At such time and place the county superintendent of highways, if he is the official conducting the hearing, shall:

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(a) Be empowered to administer oaths;

(b) Permit the appearance in person or by counsel, the 17 introduction of evidence and the cross examination of witnesses 18 by not less than 3 of the qualified petitioners, not less than 19 20 3 other legal voters residing within 2 miles of any portion of such road, and not less than 3 other persons owning land 21 22 operated as a farm and wholly or partially situated within 2 23 miles of any portion of such road, except that no such 24 permission shall extend to a person other than a petitioner 25 unless it appears that he will be directly and adversely 26 affected by the change requested in the petition;

1 (c) Provide that every person offering testimony shall 2 testify under oath or affirmation and shall be subject to cross 3 examination, except that the technical rules of evidence 4 governing proceedings in circuit courts are inapplicable in 5 such hearing;

6 (d) Secure and retain a stenographic transcript of the 7 proceedings, including all evidence offered or introduced at 8 the hearing; and

9 (e) Determine the advisability of such proposed laying out, 10 widening, alteration, or permanent posting at a 11 <u>reduced weight limit</u> of such road, shall make an order for the 12 same and shall within 5 days thereafter file such final order 13 in the office of the district clerk.

Every order entered and filed pursuant to this Section in 14 15 approval of the change requested in the petition shall contain 16 an express finding that such alteration, or vacation, or permanent posting at a reduced weight limit of the township or 17 district road will be in the public and economic interest and 18 will not deprive residents or owners of proximate land of 19 20 reasonable access elsewhere as specified in Section 6-305 of this Act. 21

22 (Source: P.A. 83-1362.)

23 (605 ILCS 5/6-312) (from Ch. 121, par. 6-312)

24 Sec. 6-312. In case such final order was entered by the 25 highway commissioner as provided in Section 6-311 of this Code

1 finally determining the advisability of such proposed laying 2 out, widening, alteration, or permanent posting at a reduced weight limit of any township or district road, any 3 3 4 qualified petitioners who may have signed the petition for such 5 proposed laying out, widening, alteration, or vacation, or 6 permanent posting at a reduced weight limit, or any 3 legal voters residing within 2 miles of any portion of such road, or 7 any 3 other persons owning land operated as a farm within 2 8 9 miles of any portion of such road, may (if either they are 10 qualified petitioners or they both have raised objections at 11 the hearing pursuant to Section 6-311 of this Act and will be directly and adversely affected by such proposed laying out, 12 13 widening, alteration or vacation) appeal to the county superintendent of highways by filing a notice of such appeal in 14 15 the office of the district clerk within 10 days of the date of 16 filing the decision appealed from. Thereupon such clerk shall at once transmit all papers relating to such proposed laying 17 out, widening, altering, or vacation, or permanent posting at a 18 reduced weight limit of such road to the county superintendent 19 20 of highways, who shall within 20 days after the receipt of the same, hold a public hearing within such district to finally 21 22 determine upon the laying out, widening, altering, or vacation, or permanent posting at a reduced weight limit of such road. 23 24 Such hearing shall be upon such notice and conducted in like 25 manner as the hearing before the highway commissioner relative 26 to such final decision and from which appeal has been taken,

1 except that the powers and duties of the county superintendent 2 of highways in conducting such hearing and in determining and 3 filing his final order shall be identical to the powers and 4 duties of such superintendent prescribed by Section 6-311 of 5 this Act. Judicial review may be pursued after such final order 6 of the county superintendent of highways relative to the alteration or vacation of such roads in the manner provided in 7 Section 6-315a of this Division. 8

9 (Source: Laws 1963, p. 3216.)

10 (605 ILCS 5/6-313) (from Ch. 121, par. 6-313)

Sec. 6-313. In case the highway commissioner, or upon 11 12 appeal from his decision, the county superintendent of 13 highways, shall finally determine against the advisability of 14 the proposed laying out, widening, alteration, or vacation, or 15 permanent posting at a reduced weight limit of such township or district road, such order shall have the effect to annul and 16 17 all proceedings and assessments, releases revoke and agreements in respect to damages growing out of the proceedings 18 19 upon the petition aforesaid. In case the commissioner or county superintendent affirms such prior proceedings, he shall make an 20 21 order to be signed by him, declaring such road to be laid out, widened, altered, or permanently posted at a 22 23 reduced weight limit as a public highway and which order shall 24 contain or have annexed thereto a definite description of the 25 line of such road, together with the plat thereof. The highway

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1 commissioner or county superintendent, as the case may be, 2 shall within 5 days from the date of his final order, cause the 3 same, together with the report of the surveyor, the petition 4 and the releases, agreements or assessments in respect to 5 damages, to be deposited and filed in the office of the 6 district clerk; who shall note upon such order the date of such filing. It shall be the duty of such clerk to record such 7 8 order, together with the plat of the surveyor in a proper book 9 to be kept for that purpose.

10 (Source: Laws 1959, p. 196.)

11 (605 ILCS 5/6-314) (from Ch. 121, par. 6-314)

12 Sec. 6-314. After it has been finally determined that a township or district road shall be laid out, widened, altered, 13 14 or vacated, or permanently posted at a reduced weight limit, 15 either by the highway commissioner, or upon appeal, by the county superintendent of highways, all proceedings subsequent 16 thereto on behalf of the district shall be taken by the highway 17 commissioner thereof as provided in this division of this Code. 18 19 And such highway commissioner in such cases is hereby 20 authorized to resort to all necessary proceedings not 21 inconsistent with the provisions of this Code to secure the 22 laying out, widening, alteration, or permanent 23 posting at a reduced weight limit of any such road.

24 (Source: Laws 1959, p. 196.)

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(605 ILCS 5/6-315a) (from Ch. 121, par. 6-315a)

Sec. 6-315a. Any 3 persons who, at a hearing conducted by 2 the county superintendent of highways pursuant to Section 3 6-306, 6-311 or 6-312 of this Act, have been permitted to 4 5 appear, in person or by counsel, and to introduce evidence and 6 examine witnesses, may (if they are cross qualified petitioners, or have raised objections at a hearing pursuant to 7 Section 6-311 or 6-312 of this Act and will be directly and 8 9 adversely affected by such proposed alteration, or vacation, or 10 permanent posting at a reduced weight limit) obtain judicial of 11 review of such final administrative decision the superintendent (meaning his final order denying the petition 12 13 after a hearing pursuant to Section 6-306, or granting or 14 denying the petition after a hearing pursuant to Section 6-311 15 or 6-312, to be filed in the office of the district clerk after 16 the hearing) pursuant to the Administrative Review Law, and all amendments and modifications thereof, and any rules adopted 17 The term "administrative decision" is 18 pursuant thereto. defined as in Section 3-101 of the Code of Civil Procedure. 19 20 Such judicial review proceeding shall be given precedence over 21 all other civil cases, except cases arising under the Workers' 22 Compensation Act and the Unemployment Insurance Act.

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

24 (605 ILCS 5/6-319) (from Ch. 121, par. 6-319)
25 Sec. 6-319.

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1 Township and district roads may be laid out, widened, altered or vacated on county or district lines, or from one 2 district to another, and in case a railroad right-of-way or 3 4 stream of water joins the boundary line of such county or 5 line, then along the line of such district railroad right-of-way or stream of water, in the same manner as other 6 township and district roads, except that in such cases, a copy 7 8 of the petition shall be posted in and presented to the highway 9 commissioners of each district interested; such petition to be 10 as in other cases, and signed by not less than 5% of the legal 11 voters, or 12 legal voters, whichever is less, residing in the district or county. Whereupon the highway commissioners of the 12 13 several districts shall meet and act together, in the same time 14 and manner as in other cases, in considering the petition, 15 viewing the premises, adjusting damages, and making all orders 16 in reference to such proposed road, widening, alteration or vacation, and a copy of all final orders and plats and papers 17 shall be filed and recorded in each of the counties and 18 districts interested. In case the commissioners are unable to 19 agree, the county superintendent of highways shall act as 20 arbitrator between them in case the districts shall lie within 21 22 the same county, and if in different counties the Department or 23 any person designated by it, shall so act. All appeals 24 hereinbefore provided for in this Division of this Code may 25 likewise be taken to the county superintendent of highways, or 26 in case the districts shall lie in 2 or more counties, to the 1 Department.

In lieu of petitions, the highway commissioners of all road districts interested may file a certificate to vacate <u>or</u> <u>permanently post at a reduced weight limit</u> roads with the respective county clerks and with the respective township or district clerks, as the case may be. The procedure upon the filing of such certificates shall be the same as, and conform to, the procedure followed upon the filing of a petition.

9 (Source: P.A. 78-543.)

10 (605 ILCS 5/6-327) (from Ch. 121, par. 6-327)

Sec. 6-327. Township and district roads for private and 11 12 public use of the widths of 50 feet or less may be laid out from 13 one or more dwellings or plantations to any public road, or 14 from one public road to another, or from one or more lots of 15 land to a public road or from one or more lots of land to a public waterway, on petition to the highway commissioner by any 16 person directly interested. Upon receiving such petition, 17 proceedings shall be had respecting the laving out of such road 18 19 as in the case of other township and district roads. In case the county 20 highway commissioner or upon appeal, the 21 superintendent of highways, shall enter a preliminary order for 22 the laying out of such road, such highway officer or officers 23 making such preliminary order shall, if possible, and the 24 parties are competent to contract, agree upon the total amount 25 of damages, together with the portion thereof to be paid by the

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1 district, if any, as well as by each of the land owners 2 benefited by such road. In case such damages cannot be 3 determined or apportioned by agreement, the same shall be fixed 4 as in the case of other township and district roads. The amount 5 of such damages shall be paid by the person benefited thereby, 6 to the extent and in proportion that they are benefited as determined and declared by the court. The remainder of the 7 amount of damages, over and above that to be paid by the 8 9 parties aforesaid, if any, shall be paid by the district as in 10 other cases. The amount of damages to be paid by individuals 11 shall be paid to the parties entitled thereto, before the road shall be opened for use. In all other respects the provisions 12 13 of this Division of this Code relative to the opening, 14 widening, alteration, or permanent posting at a 15 reduced weight limit of other township and district roads shall 16 be applicable also to the laying out, widening, alteration, or vacation, or permanent posting at a reduced weight limit of 17 roads for private and public use: Provided that the cost of the 18 construction of the roadway, bridges and culverts and the 19 20 maintenance thereof shall be borne by the parties paying for such road. 21

22 (Source: Laws 1963, p. 2045.)

23 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by 24 changing Section 15-316 as follows: 09800SB3471sam001 -19- LRB09

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

Sec. 15-316. When the Department or local authority may restrict right to use highways.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (g), local authorities 4 5 with respect to highways under their jurisdiction may by ordinance or resolution prohibit the operation of vehicles upon 6 any such highway or impose restrictions as to the weight of 7 8 vehicles to be operated upon any such highway, for a total 9 period of not to exceed 90 days in any one calendar year, 10 whenever any said highway by reason of deterioration, rain, 11 snow, or other climate conditions will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles thereon is prohibited or 12 13 the permissible weights thereof reduced.

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

(c) Local authorities, with the exception of road districts as provided for in the Illinois Highway Code, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction may also, by ordinance or resolution, prohibit the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles, or may impose limitations as the weight thereof, on designated highways, which prohibitions and limitations shall be designated by appropriate signs placed on 1 such highways.

2 (c-1) (Blank).
3 (c-5) Highway commissioners, with respect to roads under
4 their jurisdiction, shall not permanently post a road or
5 portion thereof at a reduced weight limit except in accordance
6 with Division 3 of Article 6 of the Illinois Highway Code.

7 (d) The Department shall likewise have authority as 8 hereinbefore granted to local authorities to determine by 9 resolution and to impose restrictions as to the weight of 10 vehicles operated upon any highway under the jurisdiction of 11 said department, and such restrictions shall be effective when 12 signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the highway or 13 portion of any highway affected by such resolution.

14 (d-1) (Blank).

15 (d-2) (Blank).

16 (e) When any vehicle is operated in violation of this Section, the owner or driver of the vehicle shall be deemed 17 guilty of a violation and either the owner or the driver of the 18 19 vehicle may be prosecuted for the violation. Any person, firm, 20 or corporation convicted of violating this Section shall be fined \$50 for any weight exceeding the posted limit up to the 21 22 axle or gross weight limit allowed a vehicle as provided for in 23 subsections (a) or (b) of Section 15-111 and \$75 per every 500 24 pounds or fraction thereof for any weight exceeding that which 25 is provided for in subsections (a) or (b) of Section 15-111.

26 (f) A municipality is authorized to enforce a county weight

1 limit ordinance applying to county highways within its 2 corporate limits and is entitled to the proceeds of any fines 3 collected from the enforcement.

4 (g) An ordinance or resolution enacted by a county or 5 township pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section shall not 6 apply to cargo tank vehicles with two or three permanent axles when delivering propane for emergency heating purposes if the 7 8 cargo tank is loaded at no more than 50 percent capacity, the 9 gross vehicle weight of the vehicle does not exceed 32,000 10 pounds, and the driver of the cargo tank vehicle notifies the 11 appropriate agency or agencies with jurisdiction over the highway before driving the vehicle on the highway pursuant to 12 13 this subsection. The cargo tank vehicle must have an operating 14 gauge on the cargo tank which indicates the amount of propane 15 as a percent of capacity of the cargo tank. The cargo tank must 16 have the capacity displayed on the cargo tank, or documentation of the capacity of the cargo tank must be available in the 17 18 vehicle. For the purposes of this subsection, propane weighs 4.2 pounds per gallon. This subsection does not apply to 19 20 municipalities. Nothing in this subsection shall allow cargo 21 tank vehicles to cross bridges with posted weight restrictions 22 if the vehicle exceeds the posted weight limit.

23 (Source: P.A. 96-1337, eff. 1-1-11.)

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