

1 AN ACT in relation to motor carriers.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 adding Section 1-126.1 and changing Sections 15-101, 15-102,
6 15-103, 15-106, 15-107, 15-111, 15-112, and 15-316 as
7 follows:

8 (625 ILCS 5/1-126.1 new)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 is 7 feet wide by 18 inches high.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 (1) (Blank);

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 (4) A vehicle and load not exceeding 80,000 pounds
34 in weight is allowed access from a Class I or Class II

1 highway onto any State highway or any locally designated
2 highway for a distance of 5 highway miles for the purpose
3 of loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

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

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

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

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

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

33 (g) Any person who is convicted of violating this
34 Section is subject to the penalty as provided in paragraph

1 (b) of Section 15-113.

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

3 (625 ILCS 5/15-103) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-103)

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

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

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

11 (625 ILCS 5/15-106) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-106)

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

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

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

18 (625 ILCS 5/15-107) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-107)

19 Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

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

23 (1) Semitrailers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (D) The third vehicle must be the lightest of
 33 the 3 vehicles and be a trailer or semitrailer
 34 designed or used for transporting a boat,

1 all-terrain vehicle, personal watercraft, or
2 motorcycle.

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

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

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

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

23 (B) Is equipped with flashing, rotating, or
24 oscillating amber lights, visible for at least 500
25 feet in all directions.

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

29 (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway
30 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement
31 to a place of repair. Any additional movement of the
32 vehicles may occur only upon issuance of
33 authorization for that movement under the provisions
34 of Sections 15-301 through 15-319 of this Code.

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

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

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

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

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

31 (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center
32 of the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in
33 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet
34 6 inches.

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en

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

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

1 operated--in--a-truck-tractor-semitrailer-trailer-combination
2 shall-not-exceed-28-feet-6-inches.

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

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

24 Local access on highways under the control of county,
25 township, or municipal authorities is restricted for motor
26 vehicles and motor vehicles in combination with a gross
27 weight not exceeding 73,280 pounds, an overall length not
28 exceeding 65 feet, or a width not exceeding 102 inches, to a
29 distance of 5 highway miles from a State designated highway
30 for the purpose of loading and unloading and one highway mile
31 for food, fuel, or repairs, unless there is a sign
32 prohibiting that access. No exemption may be granted
33 authorizing travel on local roads as a thoroughfare between
34 State designated highways.

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

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

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

10 (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center
11 of the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in
12 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet
13 6 inches.

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

16 (4) The length of a semitrailer or trailer, unladen
17 or with load, operated in a truck
18 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination, may not exceed
19 28 feet 6 inches.

20 (5) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter
21 1, may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

22 (6) A combination of vehicles, specifically
23 designed to transport motor vehicles or boats, may not
24 exceed 65 feet overall dimension. The length limitation
25 is inclusive of front and rear bumpers but exclusive of
26 the overhang of the transported vehicles, as provided in
27 paragraph (i) of this Section.

28 (7) Stinger steered semitrailer vehicles, as
29 defined in Chapter 1, specifically designed to transport
30 motor vehicles or boats, may not exceed 75 feet overall
31 dimension. The length limitation is inclusive of front
32 and rear bumpers but exclusive of the overhang of the
33 transported vehicles, as provided in paragraph (i) of
34 this Section.

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

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

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

22 A tow truck in combination with a disabled vehicle or
 23 combination of disabled vehicles, as provided in paragraph
 24 (6) of subsection (c) of this Section, is exempt from length
 25 limitations.

26 Local authorities and road district commissioners, with
 27 respect to streets and highways under their jurisdiction, may
 28 also by ordinance or resolution allow length limitations of
 29 this subsection (e). In--addition--to--the--designation--of
 30 highways--under--paragraph--(d)--the-Department-may-designate
 31 ether-streets-or-highways-in-the-system-of-State-highways--as
 32 Class--II--highways.--Notwithstanding-any-other-provisions-of
 33 this-Code, effective June 1, 1996 there is no overall--length
 34 limitation---on---motor---vehicles---operating---in---truck

1 tractor-semitrailer-combinations--operating--upon--designated
 2 Class--II--highways,--provided--the-length-of-the-semitrailer
 3 unit,--unladen--or---with---load,---operated---in---a---truck
 4 tractor-semitrailer--combination-shall-not-exceed-53-feet-and
 5 the-distance-between-the-kingpin-and-the-center-of--the--rear
 6 axle-of-a-semitrailer-longer-than-48-feet-shall-not-exceed-45
 7 feet,---6---inches.---A---truck--tractor-semitrailer-trailer
 8 combination-may--be--operated--provided--that--the--wheelbase
 9 between--the--front--axle--and--rear-axle-shall-not-exceed-65
 10 feet-and-the-length-of-any-semitrailer-or-trailer,--unladen-or
 11 with-load,--in-a--combination--shall--not--exceed--28--feet--6
 12 inches,--Local--authorities--and--road-district-commissioners
 13 with--respect---to---streets---and---highways---under---their
 14 jurisdiction,--may--also-by-ordinance-or-resolution-allow-the
 15 length-limitations-of-this-paragraph-(e).

16 A-maxi-cube-combination,--a-truck-in-transit--transporting
 17 3--trucks--coupled-together-by-the-triple-saddlemount-method,
 18 and--a--combination--of--vehicles--specifically--designed--to
 19 transport--motor--vehicles--or--boats--may--operate--on---the
 20 designated--streets--or--highways-provided-the-overall-length
 21 shall-not-exceed-65-feet,--and-provided-that-a-stinger-steered
 22 combination-of-vehicles-specifically--designed--to--transport
 23 motor--vehicles--or--boats--shall--not-exceed-75-feet-overall
 24 length,--with-the-length-limitations-inclusive--of--front--and
 25 rear-bumpers-but-exclusive-of-the-overhang-of-the-transported
 26 vehicles-as-provided-for-in-paragraph-(i)-of-this-Section.

27 The length limitations described in this paragraph (e)
 28 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,
 29 such as rear-view-mirrors,--turn-signals,--marker-lamps,--steps
 30 and--handholds---for---entry--and--egress,--flexible--fender
 31 extensions, bumpers, mudflaps---and---splash---and---spray
 32 suppressant--devices,--load-induced-tire-bulge, refrigeration
 33 units or air compressors and other devices, that the
 34 Department may interpret as necessary for safe and efficient

1 operation; except that no device excluded under this
2 paragraph shall have by its design or use the capability to
3 carry cargo.

4 Vehicles operating under this paragraph (e) shall have
5 access for a distance of 5 highway miles on a street or
6 highway in the system of State highways, and upon any street
7 or highway designated by local authorities or road district
8 commissioners, to points of loading and unloading and to
9 facilities for food, fuel, repairs and rest. Household goods
10 carriers shall have access to points of loading and
11 unloading.

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

17 (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 65
18 feet overall length.

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

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

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

28 (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 65
29 feet overall length.

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

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

33 (3) A vehicle and load not exceeding 80,000 pounds
34 in weight is allowed access from a Class I highway onto

1 any street or highway for a distance of one highway mile
2 for the purpose of loading, unloading, food, fuel,
3 repairs, and rest, provided there is no sign prohibiting
4 that access.

5 (4) A vehicle and load not exceeding 80,000 pounds
6 in weight is allowed access from a Class I or Class II
7 highway onto any State highway or any locally designated
8 highway for a distance of 5 highway miles for the purpose
9 of loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

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

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

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

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

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

23 (3) No truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer
24 combination may exceed 60 feet extreme overall dimension.

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

1 trailer, shall exceed a length of 65 feet between extreme
 2 overall dimensions, the length of the semitrailer,
 3 unladen or with load, shall not exceed 53 feet and the
 4 distance between the kingpin and the center of the rear
 5 axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet 89411 not
 6 exceed 42 feet, 6 inches. On any street or highway in the
 7 State system of highways that has not been designated by
 8 the Department under paragraph (d) or (e), no truck
 9 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination shall exceed a
 10 length of 60 feet extreme overall dimension.

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

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

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

28 (3) A tow truck in combination with a disabled
 29 vehicle or combination of disabled vehicles, provided the
 30 towing vehicle meets the following conditions:

31 (A) It is specifically designed as a tow truck
 32 having a gross vehicle weight rating of at least
 33 18,000 pounds and equipped with air brakes, provided
 34 that air brakes are required only if the towing

1 vehicle is towing a vehicle, semitrailer, or
2 tractor-trailer combination that is equipped with
3 air brakes.

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

7 (C) It is capable of utilizing the lighting
8 and braking systems of the disabled vehicle or
9 combination of vehicles.

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

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

1 (1)--The-towing-vehicle-must-be:

2 a.--specifically-designed-as-a-tow-truck-having

3 a-gross-vehicle-weight-rating--of--at--least--18,000

4 lbs.-and-equipped-with-air-brakes;

5 b.--equipped---with---flashing,---rotating---or

6 oscillating--amber--lights,--visible-for-a-least-500

7 feet-in-all-directions;-and

8 c.--capable--of--utilizing--the--lighting---and

9 braking---systems---of---the---disabled--vehicle--or

10 combination-of-vehicles.

11 (2)--The-towing-of-vehicles-on-the-highways-of--this

12 State-shall-not-exceed-50-miles-from-the-initial-point-of

13 wreck--or--disablement,--Any--additional--movement-of-the

14 vehicles-shall-only-occur-upon-issuance-of--authorization

15 for--that-movement-under-the-provisions-of-Section-15-301

16 through-15-319-of-this-Chapter.

17 The Department may by rule or regulation prescribe

18 additional requirements regarding length limitations for a

19 tow truck towing another vehicle.

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. Legal

23 holidays referred to in this Section shall be specified as

24 the day on which the following traditional holidays are

25 celebrated:

- 26 New Year's Day;
- 27 Memorial Day;
- 28 Independence Day;
- 29 Labor Day;
- 30 Thanksgiving Day; and
- 31 Christmas Day.

32 (h) The load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the

33 load upon the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles,

34 shall not extend more than 3 feet beyond the front wheels of

1 the vehicle or the front bumper of the vehicle if it is
 2 equipped with a front bumper. The provisions of this
 3 subsection (h) shall not apply to any vehicle or combination
 4 of vehicles specifically designed for the collection and
 5 transportation of waste, garbage, or recyclable materials
 6 during the vehicle's operation in the course of collecting
 7 garbage, waste, or recyclable materials if the vehicle is
 8 traveling at a speed not in excess of 15 miles per hour
 9 during the vehicle's operation and in the course of
 10 collecting garbage, waste, or recyclable materials. However,
 11 in no instance shall the load extend more than 7 feet beyond
 12 the front wheels of the vehicle or the front bumper of the
 13 vehicle if it is equipped with a front bumper.

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

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

- 27 1. operated by or for any public body or motor
 28 carrier authorized by law to provide public
 29 transportation services; or
- 30 2. operated in local public transportation service
 31 by any other person and the municipality in which the
 32 service is to be provided approved the operation of the
 33 vehicle.

34 (j-1) (Blank). ~~Charter-or-regulated-route-buses--may--be~~

1 up--to--45--feet--in--length,--not-including-energy-absorbing
2 bumpers.

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

6 (l) (Blank). A--combination--of-3-vehicles-not-to-exceed
7 60-feet-overall-length-may-be-operated-on-the-highways-of-the
8 State,--provided--that--the--vehicles--meet---the---following
9 requirements:

10 (1)--The--towing--vehicle--is--a-properly-registered
11 vehicle--capable--of--towing--another--vehicle--using---a
12 fifth-wheel-type-assembly.

13 (2)--The---second--vehicle--in--the--combination--of
14 vehicles-shall-be-a-recreational-vehicle-that-is-towed-by
15 a-fifth-wheel-assembly.--This-vehicle--shall--be--properly
16 registered--and--be--equipped--with--brakes-regardless-of
17 weight.

18 (3)--The-third-vehicle-shall-be-the-lightest-of--the
19 3--vehicles--and-be-a-trailer-or-semi-trailer-designed-or
20 used--for--transporting--a--boat,--all-terrain---vehicle,
21 personal-watercraft,--or-motorcycle.

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

24 (5)--All-vehicles-shall-be--properly--equipped--with
25 operating--brakes--and--safety-equipment-required-by-this
26 Code,--except--the--additional---brake---requirement---in
27 paragraph-(2)-above.

28 (Source: P.A. 89-219, eff. 1-1-96; 89-434, eff. 6-1-96;
29 89-626, eff. 8-9-96; 90-89, eff. 1-1-98; 90-147, eff.
30 7-23-97; 90-407, eff. 8-15-97; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.)

31 (625 ILCS 5/15-111) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-111)
32 Sec. 15-111. Wheel and axle loads and gross weights.

33 (a) On non-designated highways, no vehicle or

1 combination of vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires may be
 2 operated, unladen or with load, when the total weight
 3 transmitted to the road surface exceeds 18,000 pounds on a
 4 single axle or 32,000 pounds on a tandem axle with no axle
 5 within the tandem exceeding 18,000 pounds except:

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

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

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

14 (4) any single axle of a 2-axle truck weighing
 15 36,000 pounds or less and not a part of a combination of
 16 vehicles, shall not exceed 20,000 pounds;

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

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

26 (7) a truck, not in combination and specially
 27 equipped with a selfcompactor or an industrial roll-off
 28 hoist and roll-off container, used exclusively for
 29 garbage or refuse operations may, when laden, transmit
 30 upon the road surface the following maximum weights:
 31 22,000 pounds on a single axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem
 32 axle;

33 (8) a truck, not in combination and used
 34 exclusively for the collection of rendering materials,

1 may, when laden, transmit upon the road surface the
2 following maximum weights: 22,000 pounds on a single
3 axle; 40,000 pounds on a tandem axle;

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

17 (10) tandem axles on a 4-axle truck mixer, whose
18 fourth axle is a road surface engaging mixer trailing
19 axle, registered as a Special Hauling Vehicle, used
20 exclusively for the mixing and transportation of concrete
21 and manufactured prior to or in the model year of 2004
22 and first registered in Illinois prior to January 1,
23 2005, with a distance greater than 72 inches but not more
24 than 96 inches between any series of 2 axles, is allowed
25 a combined weight on the series not to exceed 36,000
26 pounds and neither axle of the series may exceed 18,000
27 pounds. Any vehicle of this type manufactured after the
28 model year of 2004 or first registered in Illinois after
29 December 31, 2004 may not exceed a combined weight of
30 32,000 pounds through the series of 2 axles and neither
31 axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds;

32 (11) 4-axle vehicles or a 5 or more axle
33 combination of vehicles: The weight transmitted upon the
34 road surface through any series of 3 axles whose centers

1 are more than 96 inches apart, measured between extreme
 2 axles in the series, may not exceed those allowed in the
 3 table contained in subsection (f) of this Section. No
 4 axle or tandem axle of the series may exceed the maximum
 5 weight permitted under this Section for a single or
 6 tandem axle.

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

1 or--on-a-5-or-more-axle-combination-of-vehicles-the-weight-on
 2 a-series-of-3-axles-whose-centers-are--more--than--96--inches
 3 apart,--measured--between--extreme-axes-in-the-series,--shall
 4 not-exceed-those-allowed-on-3-axles-in-the-table-contained-in
 5 subsection-(f)-of-this-Section-and-no-axle-or-tandem-axle--of
 6 the--series--shall--exceed-the-maximum-weight-permitted-under
 7 this-Section-for-a-single-or-tandem-axle.--Provided-also--that
 8 a--3--axle--vehicle--or--3--axle--truck-mixer-registered-as-a
 9 Special-Hauling-Vehicle,--used-exclusively-for-the-mixing--and
 10 transportation--of--concrete,--specially-equipped-with-a-road
 11 surface-engaging--mixer---trailing---4th--axle,--manufactured
 12 prior-to-or-in-the-model-year-of-2004-and-first-registered-in
 13 Illinois--prior--to--January-1,--2005,--with-a-distance-greater
 14 than-72-inches-but-not-more-than-96-inches-between-any-series
 15 of-2-axles-may-transmit-to-the-road-surface-a-maximum--weight
 16 of--18,000--pounds-on-each-of-these-axles-with-a-gross-weight
 17 on-these-2-axles-not--to--exceed--36,000--pounds.---Any--such
 18 vehicle--manufactured-in-the-model-year-of-2004-or-thereafter
 19 or-first-registered-in-Illinois-after-December-31,--2004--may
 20 transmit--to--the--road--surface--a--maximum-of-32,000-pounds
 21 through-these-2-axles-and-none--of--the--axles--shall--exceed
 22 18,000-pounds.

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

34 A--2--axle--truck-specially-equipped-with-a-front-loading

1 compactor-used-exclusively-for-garbage,-refuse,-or--recycling
 2 may--transmit--20,000-pounds-per-axle-provided-that-the-gross
 3 weight-of-the-vehicle-does-not-exceed-40,000-pounds.

4 (b) On non-designated highways, the gross weight of
 5 vehicles and combination of vehicles including the weight of
 6 the vehicle or combination and its maximum load shall be
 7 subject to the foregoing limitations and further shall not
 8 exceed the following gross weights dependent upon the number
 9 of axles and distance between extreme axles of the vehicle or
 10 combination measured longitudinally to the nearest foot.

11 VEHICLES HAVING 2 AXLES 36,000 pounds

12 VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS

13 HAVING 3 AXLES

14	With Tandem		With or	
15	Axles		Without	
16			Tandem Axles	
17	Minimum		Minimum	
18	distance to	Maximum	distance to	Maximum
19	nearest foot	Gross	nearest foot	Gross
20	between	Weight	between	Weight
21	extreme axles	(pounds)	extreme axles	(pounds)
22	10 feet	41,000	16 feet	46,000
23	11	42,000	17	47,000
24	12	43,000	18	47,500
25	13	44,000	19	48,000
26	14	44,500	20	49,000
27	15	45,000	21 feet or more	50,000

28 VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS

29 HAVING 4 AXLES

30	Minimum		Minimum	
31	distance to	Maximum	distance to	Maximum
32	nearest foot	Gross	nearest foot	Gross
33	between	Weight	between	Weight

1	extreme axles	(pounds)	extreme axles	(pounds)
2	15 feet	50,000	26 feet	57,500
3	16	50,500	27	58,000
4	17	51,500	28	58,500
5	18	52,000	29	59,500
6	19	52,500	30	60,000
7	20	53,500	31	60,500
8	21	54,000	32	61,500
9	22	54,500	33	62,000
10	23	55,500	34	62,500
11	24	56,000	35	63,500
12	25	56,500	36 feet or more	64,000

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

17 ~~In applying the above table to a vehicle having more than~~
 18 ~~4 axles that is not in combination, only 4 axles shall be~~
 19 ~~considered in determining the maximum gross weights.~~

20 COMBINATIONS HAVING 5 OR MORE AXLES

21	Minimum distance to	Maximum
22	nearest foot between	Gross Weight
23	extreme axles	(pounds)
24	42 feet or less	72,000
25	43	73,000
26	44 feet or more	73,280

27 VEHICLES OPERATING ON CRAWLER TYPE TRACKS 40,000 pounds

28 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH SELFCOMPACTORS
 29 OR ROLL-OFF HOISTS AND ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS FOR GARBAGE
 30 OR REFUSE HAULS ONLY AND TRUCKS USED FOR
 31 THE COLLECTION OF RENDERING MATERIALS
 32 On Highway Not Part of National System
 33 of Interstate and Defense Highways

1	with 2 axles	36,000 pounds
2	with 3 axles	54,000 pounds

3	TWO AXLE TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH	
4	A FRONT LOADING COMPACTOR USED EXCLUSIVELY	
5	FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, REFUSE, OR RECYCLING	
6	with 2 axles	40,000 pounds

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

15 (d) Weight limitations shall not apply to vehicles
 16 (including loads) operated by a public utility when
 17 transporting equipment required for emergency repair of
 18 public utility facilities or properties or water wells.

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

30 (1) is specifically designed as a tow truck having
 31 a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000 pounds
 32 and is equipped with air brakes, provided that air brakes
 33 are required only if the towing vehicle is towing a

1 vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer combination that
2 is equipped with air brakes;

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

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

9 (4) does not engage in a tow exceeding 20 miles
10 from the initial point of wreck or disablement. Any
11 additional movement of the vehicles may occur only upon
12 issuance of authorization for that movement under the
13 provisions of Sections 15-301 through 15-319 of this
14 Code.

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

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

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

30 (1) the towing vehicle must be:

31 a. specifically designed as a tow truck having
32 a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000
33 lbs. and equipped with air brakes provided that air
34 brakes shall be required only if the towing vehicle

1 is-towing-a-vehicle,-semitrailer,-or-tractor-trailer
2 combination-that-is-equipped-with-airbrakes;

3 b.-equipped-with-flashing,-rotating-or
4 oscillating-amber-lights,-visible-for-at-least-500
5 feet-in-all-directions;-and

6 e.-capable-of-utilizing-the-lighting-and
7 braking-systems-of-the-disabled-vehicle-or
8 combination-of-vehicles.

9 (2)-The-towing-of-the-vehicles-on-the-highways-of
10 this-State-shall-not-exceed-20-miles-from-the-initial
11 point-of-wreck-or-disablement.-Any-additional-movement-of
12 the-vehicles-shall-only-occur-upon-issuance-of
13 authorization-for-that-movement-under-the-provisions-of
14 Sections-15-301-through-15-319-of-this-Chapter.

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

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.

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

32 (f) On designated Class I, II, or III highways and the
33 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, no
34 vehicle or combination of vehicles with pneumatic tires may

1 be operated, unladen or with load, when the total weight on
2 the road surface exceeds the following: 20,000 pounds on a
3 single axle; 34,000 pounds on a tandem axle with no axle
4 within the tandem exceeding 20,000 pounds; 80,000 pounds
5 gross weight for vehicle combinations of 5 or more axles; or
6 a total weight on a group of 2 or more consecutive axles in
7 excess of that weight produced by the application of the
8 following formula: $W = 500 \text{ times the sum of } (LN \text{ divided by}$
9 $N-1) + 12N + 36$, where "W" equals overall total weight on any
10 group of 2 or more consecutive axles to the nearest 500
11 pounds, "L" equals the distance measured to the nearest foot
12 between extremes of any group of 2 or more consecutive axles,
13 and "N" equals the number of axles in the group under
14 consideration. Notwithstanding--any--other--provision--in--this
15 Code,--except--for--those--provisions--of--subsection--(d)--of--this
16 Section--relating--to--emergency--operations--of--public--utilities
17 and--tow--trucks--while--actually--engaged--in--the--towing--of--a
18 disabled--vehicle,--and--those--vehicles--for--which--the--Department
19 issues--overweight--permits--under--authority--of--Section--15--301
20 of--this--Code,--the--weight--limitations--contained--in--this
21 subsection--shall--apply--to--the--National--System--of--Interstate
22 and--Defense--Highways--and--other--highways--in--the--system--of
23 State--highways--that--have--been--designated--by--the--Department--as
24 Class--I,--II,--or--III.--No--vehicle--shall--be--operated--on--the
25 highways--with--a--weight--in--excess--of--20,000--pounds--carried--on
26 any--one--axle--or--with--a--tandem--axle--weight--in--excess--of--34,000
27 pounds,--or--a--gross--weight--in--excess--of--80,000--pounds--for
28 vehicle--combinations--of--5--axles--or--more,--or--a--gross--weight--on
29 a--group--of--2--or--more--consecutive--axles--in--excess--of--that
30 weight--produced--by--the--application--of--the--following--formula:
31 $W = 500 \text{ times the sum of } (LN \text{ divided by } N-1) + 12N + 36$
32 Where--"W"--equals--overall--gross--weight--on--any--group--of--2--or
33 more--consecutive--axles--to--the--nearest--500--pounds;--"L"--equals
34 the--distance--measured--to--the--nearest--foot--between--extremes--of

1 any--group-of-2-or-more-consecutive-axes;-and-"N"-equals-the
 2 number-of-axes-in-the-group-under-consideration,-except-that
 3 2-consecutive-sets-of-tandem-axes-may-carry-a-gross-load--of
 4 34,000-pounds-each,-provided-the-overall-distance-between-the
 5 first--and-last-axes-of-the-consecutive-sets-of-tandem-axes
 6 is-36-feet-or-more.--Provided--also--that--a--3-axle--vehiele
 7 registered-as-a-Special-Hauling-Vehiele-manufactured-prior-to
 8 or--in--the--model--year--of--2004,-and--first-registered-in
 9 Illinois-prior-to-January-1,-2005,-with--a--distance--greater
 10 than-72-inches-but-not-more-than-96-inches-between-the-2-rear
 11 axes--may--transmit--to-the-road-surface-a-maximum-weight-of
 12 18,000-pounds-on-each-of-the-2-rear-axes-with-a-gross-weight
 13 on-these-2-axes-not-to-exceed--36,000--pounds.--Any--vehiele
 14 registered-as-a-Special-Hauling-Vehiele-manufactured-prior-to
 15 or--in--the--model--year--of--2004--or--thereafter--or--first
 16 registered--in-Illinois-after-December-31,-2004,-may-transmit
 17 to-the-road-surface-a-maximum-of-34,000-pounds-through-the--2
 18 rear--axes-and-neither-of-the-rear-axes-shall-exceed-20,000
 19 pounds.

20 The above formula when expressed in tabular form results
 21 in allowable loads as follows:

22	Distance measured				
23	to the nearest				
24	foot between the				
25	extremes of any		Maximum <u>weight</u> load in pounds		
26	group of 2 or		<u>of</u> carried-on any group of		
27	more consecutive		2 or more consecutive axes		
28	axes				
29	feet	2 axes	3 axes	4 axes	5 axes 6 axes
30	4	34,000			
31	5	34,000			
32	6	34,000			
33	7	34,000			
34	8	38,000*	42,000		

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

1	43	70,500	75,000	80,000
2	44	71,500	75,500	
3	45	72,000	76,000	
4	46	72,500	76,500	
5	47	73,500	77,500	
6	48	74,000	78,000	
7	49	74,500	78,500	
8	50	75,500	79,000	
9	51	76,000	80,000	
10	52	76,500		
11	53	77,500		
12	54	78,000		
13	55	78,500		
14	56	79,500		
15	57	80,000		

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

20 Vehicles not in a combination having more than 4 axles
 21 may not exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (f)
 22 for 4 axles measured between the extreme axles of the
 23 vehicle.

24 Vehicles in a combination having more than 6 axles may
 25 not exceed the weight in the table in this subsection (f) for
 26 6 axles measured between the extreme axles of the
 27 combination.

28 ~~In-applying-the-above-formula-to-a--vehicle--having--more~~
 29 ~~than-4-axles-that-is-not-a-combination,-only-4-axles-shall-be~~
 30 ~~considered-in-determining-the-maximum-gross-weight,-and-for-a~~
 31 ~~combination--of--vehicles--having--more--than-6-axles,-only-6~~
 32 ~~axles-shall-be-considered-in-determining--the--maximum--gross~~
 33 ~~weight.~~

34 ~~Notwithstanding--the--above--table,-2-consecutive-sets-of~~

1 tandem-axles-may-carry-a-gross-weight-of-34,000--pounds--each
 2 if--the--overall-distance-between-the-first-and-last-axles-of
 3 the-consecutive-sets-of-tandem-axles-is-36-feet-or-more.

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

15 The following are exceptions to the above formula:

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

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

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

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

30 (5) A tandem axle on a 3-axle truck registered as a
 31 Special Hauling Vehicle, manufactured prior to or in the
 32 model year of 2004, and registered in Illinois prior to
 33 January 1, 2005, with a distance between 2 axles in a
 34 series greater than 72 inches but not more than 96 inches

1 may not exceed a total weight of 36,000 pounds and
2 neither axle of the series may exceed 18,000 pounds.

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

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

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

1 surface through any axle exceeds 16,000 pounds.

2 Combinations-of-vehicles, registered-as--Special--Hauling
3 Vehicles--that-include-a-semitrailer-manufactured-prior-to-or
4 in-the-model-year-of-2004, and-first-registered--in--Illinois
5 prior--to--January-1, 2005, having-5-axles-with-a-distance-of
6 42-feet-or-less-between-extreme-axles-shall-be-limited-to-the
7 weights-prescribed-in-subsections-(a)-and-(b)-of-this-Section
8 and-not-subject-to-the-bridge-formula-on-the-National--System
9 of--Interstate-and-Defense-Highways-and-other-highways-in-the
10 system-of-State-highways-designated-by--the--Department.--For
11 all---those---combinations---of---vehicles,--that--include--a
12 semitrailer-manufactured-after-the--effective--date--of--this
13 amendatory--Act--of--1986,--the--overall-distance-between-the
14 first-and-last-axles-of-the-2-sets-of-tandems-must-be-18-feet
15 6-inches-or-more.-All-combinations-of-vehicles-registered--as
16 Special---Hauling---Vehicles---that---include--a--semitrailer
17 manufactured-prior-to--or--in--the--model--year--of--2004--or
18 thereafter-or-first-registered-in-Illinois-after-December-31,
19 2004,--or--that--has--had-its-cargo-container-replaced-in-its
20 entirety-after-December-31, 2004, are-limited--to--the--gross
21 weight-allowed-by-the-above-formula.

22 A---truck--not--in--combination,--equipped--with--a--self
23 compactor--or--an--industrial--roll-off--hoist--and--roll-off
24 container,--used-exclusively-for-garbage-or-refuse-operations,
25 shall-be-allowed-the-weights-as-prescribed-in-subsections-(a)
26 and-(b)-of--this--Section--and--not--subject--to--the--bridge
27 formula,--provided-they-are-not-operated-on-a-highway-that-is
28 part-of-the-Interstate-and-Defense-Highway-System.

29 Vehicles operating under this subsection shall have
30 access for a distance of one highway mile to or from a Class
31 I highway on any street or highway, unless there is a sign
32 prohibiting the access, or 5 highway miles to or from either
33 a Class I, II, or III highway on a street or highway included
34 in the system of State highways and upon any street or

1 highway designated by local authorities or road district
2 commissioners to points of loading and unloading and to
3 facilities for food, fuel, repairs and rest.

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

9 (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 65
10 feet overall length.

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

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

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

20 (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 65
21 feet overall length.

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

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

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

31 (4) A vehicle and load not exceeding 80,000 pounds
32 in weight is allowed access from a Class I, Class II, or
33 Class III highway onto any State highway or any locally
34 designated highway for a distance of 5 highway miles for

1 the purpose of loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs,
2 and rest.

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

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

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

25 (i) Upon the trial of any person charged with a
26 violation of subsections (g) or (h) of this Section, proof of
27 the determination of the maximum allowable weight by the
28 Department and the existence of the signs, constitutes
29 conclusive evidence of the maximum weight that can be
30 maintained with safety to the bridge or structure.

31 (Source: P.A. 89-117, eff. 7-7-95; 89-433, eff. 12-15-95;
32 90-89, eff. 1-1-98; 90-330, eff. 8-8-97; 90-655, eff.
33 7-30-98.)

1 (625 ILCS 5/15-112) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-112)
2 Sec. 15-112. Officers to weigh vehicles and require
3 removal of excess loads.

4 (a) Any police officer having reason to believe that the
5 weight of a vehicle and load is unlawful shall require the
6 driver to stop and submit to a weighing of the same either by
7 means of a portable or stationary scales that have been
8 tested and approved at a frequency prescribed by the Illinois
9 Department of Agriculture, or for those scales operated by
10 the State, when such tests are requested by the Department of
11 State Police, whichever is more frequent. If such scales are
12 not available at the place where such vehicle is stopped, the
13 police officer shall require that such vehicle be driven to
14 the nearest available scale that has been tested and approved
15 pursuant to this Section by the Illinois Department of
16 Agriculture. Notwithstanding any provisions of the Weights
17 and Measures Act or the United States Department of Commerce
18 NIST handbook 44, multi or single draft weighing is an
19 acceptable method of weighing by law enforcement for
20 determining a violation of Chapter 3 or 15 of this Code. Law
21 enforcement is exempt from the requirements of commercial
22 weighing established in NIST handbook 44.

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

34 (b) Whenever an officer, upon weighing a vehicle and the

1 load, determines that the weight is unlawful, such officer
2 shall require the driver to stop the vehicle in a suitable
3 place and remain standing until such portion of the load is
4 removed as may be necessary to reduce the weight of the
5 vehicle to the limit permitted under this Chapter, or to the
6 limit permitted under the terms of a permit issued pursuant
7 to Sections 15-301 through 15-318 and shall forthwith arrest
8 the driver or owner. All material so unloaded shall be cared
9 for by the owner or operator of the vehicle at the risk of
10 such owner or operator; however, whenever a 3 or 4 axle
11 vehicle with a tandem axle dimension greater than 72 inches,
12 but less than 96 inches and registered as a Special Hauling
13 Vehicle is transporting asphalt or concrete in the plastic
14 state that exceeds axle weight or gross weight limits by less
15 than 4,000 pounds, the owner or operator of the vehicle shall
16 accept the arrest ticket or tickets for the alleged
17 violations under this Section and proceed without shifting or
18 reducing the load being transported or may shift or reduce
19 the load under the provisions of subsection (d) or (e) of
20 this Section, when applicable. Any fine imposed following an
21 overweight violation by a vehicle registered as a Special
22 Hauling Vehicle transporting asphalt or concrete in the
23 plastic state shall be paid as provided in subsection 4 of
24 paragraph (a) of Section 16-105 of this Code.

25 (c) The Department of Transportation may, at the request
26 of the Department of State Police, erect appropriate
27 regulatory signs on any State highway directing second
28 division vehicles to a scale. The Department of
29 Transportation may also, at the direction of any State Police
30 officer, erect portable regulating signs on any highway
31 directing second division vehicles to a portable scale.
32 Every such vehicle, pursuant to such sign, shall stop and be
33 weighed.

34 (d) Whenever any axle load of a vehicle exceeds the axle

1 or tandem axle weight limits permitted by paragraph (a) or
2 (f) of Section 15-111 by 2000 pounds or less, the owner or
3 operator of the vehicle must shift or remove the excess so as
4 to comply with paragraph (a) or (f) of Section 15-111. No
5 overweight arrest ticket shall be issued to the owner or
6 operator of the vehicle by any officer if the excess gross
7 weight is shifted or removed as required by this paragraph.

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

24 (f) Whenever an axle load of a vehicle exceeds axle
25 weight limits allowed by the provisions of a permit an arrest
26 ticket shall be issued, but the owner or operator of the
27 vehicle may shift the load so as to comply with the
28 provisions of the permit. Where such shifting of a load to
29 comply with the permit is accomplished, the owner or operator
30 of the vehicle may then proceed.

31 (g) Any driver of a vehicle who refuses to stop and
32 submit his vehicle and load to weighing after being directed
33 to do so by an officer or removes or causes the removal of
34 the load or part of it prior to weighing is guilty of a

1 business offense and shall be fined not less than \$500 nor
2 more than \$2,000.

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

4 (625 ILCS 5/15-316) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-316)

5 Sec. 15-316. When the Department, local authority or road
6 district highway commissioner may restrict right to use
7 highways.

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

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

26 (c) Local authorities and road district highway
27 commissioners with respect to highways under their
28 jurisdiction may also, by ordinance or resolution, prohibit
29 the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles, or may
30 impose limitations as to the weight thereof, on designated
31 highways, which prohibitions and limitations shall be
32 designated by appropriate signs placed on such highways.

33 (c-1) (Blank) ~~The weight provisions of subsections (a)7~~

1 (b), and (c) take precedence over the provisions of
2 subsections (d-1) and (d-2).

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

11 (d-1) (Blank) Motor vehicles and motor vehicles in
12 combination with gross weights not exceeding 73,280 pounds
13 and up to 65 feet in overall length and 102 inches in width
14 operating on highways under the control of a county or
15 township road district highway commissioner may have access
16 for a distance of 5 miles from a State designated highway for
17 the purpose of loading, unloading, services, and home base.
18 No exemption shall be granted authorizing travel on local
19 roads as a thoroughfare between State designated highways.

20 (d-2) (Blank) Motor vehicles and motor vehicles in
21 combination with gross weights not exceeding 73,280 pounds
22 and up to 65 feet in overall length and 102 inches in width
23 operating on highways under the control of municipal
24 authorities may have access for 5 miles from a State
25 designated highway for the purpose of loading and unloading
26 and one mile for food, fuel, repairs, and rest on those
27 municipally controlled highways. No exemption shall be
28 granted authorizing travel on municipal roads as a
29 thoroughfare between State designated highways.

30 (e) When any vehicle is operated in violation of this
31 Section, the owner or driver of the vehicle shall be deemed
32 guilty of a violation and either the owner or the driver of
33 the vehicle may be prosecuted for the violation. Any person,
34 firm, or corporation convicted of violating this Section

1 shall be fined \$50 for any weight exceeding the posted limit
2 up to the axle or gross weight limit allowed a vehicle as
3 provided for in subsections (a) or (b) of Section 15-111 and
4 \$75 per every 500 pounds or fraction thereof for any weight
5 exceeding that which is provided for in subsections (a) or
6 (b) of Section 15-111.

7 (f) A municipality is authorized to enforce a county
8 weight limit ordinance applying to county highways within its
9 corporate limits and is entitled to the proceeds of any fines
10 collected from the enforcement.

11 (Source: P.A. 89-117, eff. 7-7-95; 89-687, eff. 6-1-97;
12 90-211, eff. 1-1-98.)