

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Highway Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 9-113.02 as follows:

6 (605 ILCS 5/9-113.02)

7 Sec. 9-113.02. Damage to State-owned or local  
8 government-owned roadway property; highway and highway  
9 property.

10 (a) Any agency or instrumentality of the State of Illinois  
11 or unit of local government may seek recovery for the cost of  
12 the repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed roadway  
13 property. As used in this Section, "roadway property" includes  
14 road safety equipment and emergency equipment. Depreciation  
15 may not be used as a factor in determining the cost of the  
16 damaged or destroyed roadway property for which recovery is  
17 sought.

18 (b) Any agency or instrumentality of the State of Illinois  
19 or unit of local government may seek recovery for the cost of  
20 the repair of damaged or destroyed highways, highway  
21 structures, or traffic-control devices that result from  
22 operating, driving, or moving a truck tractor-semitrailer  
23 combination exceeding 55 feet in overall dimension authorized

1 under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) or paragraph (1) of  
2 subsection (f) of Section 15-107 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.  
3 The measure of liability for the damage is the cost of  
4 repairing the highway, highway structure, or traffic-control  
5 device, or the depreciated replacement cost of a highway  
6 structure or traffic-control device.

7 (Source: P.A. 97-373, eff. 1-1-12.)

8 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
9 changing Section 15-107 as follows:

10 (625 ILCS 5/15-107) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-107)

11 Sec. 15-107. Length of vehicles.

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

14 (1) Semitrailers.

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

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

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

23 (1) A truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer  
24 may not exceed 65 ~~55~~ feet overall dimension. An agency or

1 instrumentality of the State of Illinois or any unit of  
2 local government shall not be required to widen or  
3 otherwise alter a non-State highway constructed before the  
4 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General  
5 Assembly to accommodate truck tractors under this  
6 paragraph (1).

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

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

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

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

1 Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day;  
2 and Christmas Day.

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

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

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

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

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

20 (2) A truck tractor semitrailer may draw one converter  
21 dolly or one semitrailer.

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

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

1           (5) Recreational vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,  
2 provided the following:

3           (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 60  
4 feet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26           (A) Is specifically designed as a tow truck having

1 a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 18,000 pounds  
2 and equipped with air brakes, provided that air brakes  
3 are required only if the towing vehicle is towing a  
4 vehicle, semitrailer, or tractor-trailer combination  
5 that is equipped with air brakes. For the purpose of  
6 this subsection, gross vehicle weight rating, or GVWR,  
7 means the value specified by the manufacturer as the  
8 loaded weight of the tow truck.

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

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

15 (D) Does not engage a tow exceeding 50 highway  
16 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement to  
17 a place of repair. Any additional movement of the  
18 vehicles may occur only upon issuance of authorization  
19 for that movement under the provisions of Sections  
20 15-301 through 15-319 of this Code.

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

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

1 a separate vehicle.

2 (7) Commercial vehicles consisting of 3 vehicles,  
3 provided the following:

4 (A) The total overall dimension does not exceed 65  
5 feet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (1) the length of neither towed vehicle exceeds 28.5  
23 feet;

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

26 (3) the combination of vehicles is en route to a

1 location where new or used trailers are sold by an Illinois  
2 or out-of-state licensed new or used trailer dealer.

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

8 (1) the length of neither towed vehicle exceeds 28.5  
9 feet;

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (2) The distance between the kingpin and the center of  
24 the rear axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in  
25 combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet 6  
26 inches. The limit contained in this paragraph (2) shall not

1 apply to trailers or semi-trailers used for the transport  
2 of livestock as defined by Section 18b-101.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23           The length limitations described in this paragraph (d)  
24 shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices,  
25 such as bumpers, refrigeration units or air compressors and  
26 other devices, that the Department may interpret as necessary

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

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

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

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

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

19 (3) A truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck  
20 tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may not exceed  
21 65 feet in dimension from front axle to rear axle.

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

26 (5) Maxi-cube combinations, as defined in Chapter 1,

1           may not exceed 65 feet overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

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

1 following traditional holidays are celebrated: New Year's Day;  
2 Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day;  
3 and Christmas Day.

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

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

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

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

25 Section 5-35 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act  
26 relating to procedures for rulemaking shall not apply to the

1 designation of highways under this paragraph (e).

2 (e-1) Combinations of vehicles not exceeding 65 feet  
3 overall length are allowed access as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (1) From a Class I highway onto any street or highway

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

4 (2) From a Class I or Class II highway onto any State  
5 highway or any locally designated highway for a distance of  
6 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading, unloading,  
7 food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

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

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

17 (1) Truck tractor-semitrailer combinations~~7~~ must  
18 comply with ~~either a maximum 55 feet overall wheel base or~~  
19 a maximum 65 feet extreme overall dimension. An agency or  
20 instrumentality of the State of Illinois or any unit of  
21 local government shall not be required to widen or  
22 otherwise alter a Class III or other non-designated State  
23 highway constructed before the effective date of this  
24 amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly to accommodate  
25 truck tractor-semitrailer combinations under this  
26 paragraph (1).

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

3           (3) No truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer or truck  
4           tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination may exceed 60  
5           feet extreme overall dimension.

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

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

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

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

1           upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly  
2           mark the dimensions of the load.

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

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

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

15                   (C) It is capable of utilizing the lighting and  
16                   braking systems of the disabled vehicle or combination  
17                   of vehicles.

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

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

1           For the purpose of this subsection, gross vehicle weight  
2 rating, or GVWR, shall mean the value specified by the  
3 manufacturer as the loaded weight of the tow truck. Legal  
4 holidays referred to in this Section shall be specified as the  
5 day on which the following traditional holidays are celebrated:

6           New Year's Day;

7           Memorial Day;

8           Independence Day;

9           Labor Day;

10          Thanksgiving Day; and

11          Christmas Day.

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

1 (i) The load upon the front vehicle of an automobile  
2 transporter or a stinger-steered vehicle specifically designed  
3 to transport motor vehicles shall not extend more than 4 feet  
4 beyond the foremost part of the transporting vehicle and the  
5 load upon the rear transporting vehicle shall not extend more  
6 than 6 feet beyond the rear of the bed or body of the vehicle.  
7 This paragraph shall only be applicable upon highways  
8 designated in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this Section.

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

14 1. operated by or for any public body or motor carrier  
15 authorized by law to provide public transportation  
16 services; or

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

20 (j-1) (Blank).

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

24 (l) (Blank).

25 (Source: P.A. 99-717, eff. 8-5-16; revised 10-28-16.)