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SUBPART A: GENERAL REGULATIONS

Section 554.101 Legal Authority

The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) is authorized by the Illinois Vehicle Code (Code) [625 ILCS 5/Ch. 15] to issue special permits. These special permits allow the operation of vehicles or loads that exceed the legal maximum dimensions and weights. The permits are valid only for those highways under Department jurisdiction. This Part supersedes all policies previously established and published by the Department pertaining to oversize and overweight permit movements.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.102 Partial Invalidity

The provisions of this Part are severable, and if any of the provisions are held to be unlawful by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of the court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.103 Scope

A) All applications for permits are given full consideration. Permits for proposed moves may be issued

1) when the highways and bridges will not be unduly damaged; and

2) when the safety of the traveling public will be adequately protected.

B) A permit may also be issued when substantial benefits will be realized by a large segment of the public and potential damage and safety problems can be resolved.

C) This Part is the official detailed policy written to provide a uniform system for issuing oversize and overweight permits. This Part is authorized by the Code and, in addition to the statutes, governs the issuance of special permits. All of the terms, conditions, and informational requirements contained in this Part constitute the Department's official policies for this permit program.

D) Questions regarding permits or permit policies should be directed to:

Illinois Department of Transportation
Bureau of Operations, Permit Office
2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62764
(217/785-1477 or 217/782-6271)
OR
E-mail at: dot.permitoffice@illinois.gov

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Section 554.104 When a Permit is Required

A permit is required from the Department when a vehicle or load that exceeds legal sizes and weights is to be moved upon or across a highway for which the State has jurisdiction. Form OPER 753 illustrates legal size and weight maximums. For exemptions, see Sections 554.503 and 554.603.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.105 To Whom Permits are Issued

Permits are issued to a person, firm or corporation that owns and operates the transporting vehicle or that operates the transporting vehicle under a bona fide lease agreement (including any permittee "Doing Business As", for example, Sam Collins D/B/A Sam's Transport, and Barite LLC D/B/A Bubbles Transportation), known as the permittee.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.106 A Permit is a Legal Document

A) A permit is a legal document authorizing the permittee to move an oversize and/or overweight vehicle or load upon or across State highways. It is issued as a result of an agreement between the permittee and the Department. The agreement is based upon the information contained in the application, upon the permittee being legally competent, upon the conditions and restrictions stated in the permit (which includes the provisions contained in Form OPER 993), and upon the applicable provisions of this Part and the Code.

B) Acceptance of the permit by the permittee will be deemed prima facie evidence of an unequivocal allegation by the permittee that:

1) The permittee is in compliance with all operational requirements;

2) All dimension and weight limitations specified in the permit will not be exceeded;

3) All operation, registration, and license requirements have been met;

4) All financial responsibility obligations and other legal requirements have been met; and

5) The permittee assumes all responsibility for injury to persons or damage to public or private property, including his or her own, or to the object being transported, caused directly or indirectly by the transportation of vehicles and objects authorized under the permit. The permittee agrees to hold the State of Illinois harmless from all suits, claims, damages, or proceedings of any kind and to indemnify the State of Illinois for any claim it may be required to pay arising from the movement.

6) The load being moved under permit authority has been reasonably dismantled or disassembled. Permits are only valid for non-divisible loads or vehicles, as defined in the Code. Multiple objects shall not be loaded in such a way that causes the legal weight, height, width and length laws to be exceeded.

C) Undertaking the move is deemed prima facie evidence of acceptance of the permit.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.107 Penalties

Penalties for violating a permit are listed in Sections 15-112, 15-113, 15-113.1, 15-113.2, 15-113.3, 15-301 and Chapter 16 of the Code.

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Section 554.108 Insurance

Proof of financial responsibility does not need to be on file with the Permit Office as a prerequisite to obtain a permit.

A) Owners and/or operators of escort vehicles or vehicles with oversize loads exceeding 10 feet in width, 13 feet 6 inches in height, 110 feet in length, or overweight must have in effect or be self-insured in the minimum amount of $500,000 per occurrence combined bodily injury and property damage. Additional coverage may be required consistent with regulations of the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and the Illinois Commerce Commission. For instance, a move made "for hire" will have to meet the insurance requirements established by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

B) Owners and/or operators of vehicles with exceptionally large or heavy loads that require closing a highway, traveling at a slow speed on structures, or other maneuvers unexpected by the other motorists, may be required to have higher insurance limits, based upon an estimate of potential damages. The potential damages will be calculated by preparing an engineer's estimate of the repaving of the highway or repairing, replacing or strengthening structures, utilizing current Department contract costs. When insurance is required, proof of coverage must be on file with the Permit Office.

C) In the event Department facilities are damaged directly or indirectly due to the transportation of vehicles or objects authorized under the permit, the Department shall be reimbursed based upon the repair cost rather than depreciated value.

D) The limits of insurance coverage prescribed under this Section do not relieve the permittee of the requirements of Section 554.106.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.110 Illinois Motor Vehicle Laws

A) Information concerning licensing of vehicles, financial responsibility requirements, and drivers' licenses may be obtained from the Office of the Secretary of State, Centennial Building, Springfield, Illinois 62756 (217/785-1800, Extension 0) or at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

B) Information concerning motor fuel tax permits may be obtained from the Department of Revenue, Excise Tax Section, Springfield, Illinois 62708 (217/785-1397) or at www.revenue.state.il.us.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

SUBPART B: TYPES OF PERMITS

Section 554.201 Permits for Single Trip Movements

A) Permits for single trip movements are issued for one-way movement. These permits are valid for 5 working days.

B) Unless stated otherwise on the permit, the following provisions apply to all permits granted under Subpart B of this Part:

1) permit movements may be made only from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset on weekdays and from one half hour before sunrise to noon on Saturday unless subsection (b)(5) or (b)(6) of this Section applies;

2) permit movements are prohibited on Sunday unless subsection (b)(5) or (b)(6) of this Section applies;

3) Over dimension permit movements are prohibited on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day;

4) Over dimension permit movements will not be allowed later than noon on the day preceding a holiday or a holiday weekend;

5) categorical permit moves (see Sections 554.504, 554.507, 554.508 and 554.604 for limitations pertaining to categorical moves) that are overweight only shall be allowed to move with no time restrictions; and

6) permit movements up to 14 feet 6 inches wide, and/or up to 15 feet 00 inches high, and/or up to 145 feet in length, regardless of weight unless stated otherwise on the permit, may be made 7 days a week between ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour after sunset, excluding the holidays specified in subsection (b)(3).

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.202 Permits for Round Trips

A) Permits for round trip moves may be issued provided:

1) the same or "like" object is to be moved in both directions,

2) the same vehicle is to be utilized

B) A description must be furnished to the Permit Office that includes two of the following three: make, model number, and/or serial number of the equipment being transported.

C) A single trip permit will not be revised to include "round trip" after the permit has been issued.

D) Round trip permits are subject to the restrictions contained in Section 554.201 except such permits are valid for a period of 10 working days and one round trip move.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.203 Permits for Repeated Moves of Like Objects

A) Permits for repeated moves of like objects which cannot be dismantled or disassembled and which are monolithically structured for permanent use in the transported form may be issued provided the objects are to be moved from the same origin to the same destination, the number of trips will not be less than five, all trips will be completed within 30 days and all applications are submitted at one time. These permits, once issued can request a refund of $4 off per permit after the first regularly charged permit, and are subject to the restrictions contained in Section 554.201 (see section 15-302a of the code). When requesting a refund please include copies of all permits purchased at the same time for moves within the 30 day time frame.

B) Some items that may be transported under these permits include massive precast concrete beams; cast, rolled, or extruded iron or other metal beams, girders, or fittings; and laminated timber beams.

C) Items that may not be included are fabricated, framed, or assembled objects; building sections; trusses; built-up girders or columns; machines; and vehicles, including house trailers or boats.

D) Applications must contain a statement that a permit for Repeated Moves of Like Objects is requested.

E) Consideration will be given to requests for a series of like objects varying in size and weight. However, the permits will be written for the largest of the objects. (For example: A series of concrete beams all the same design varying slightly in length and weight. All permits will be written for the largest size beam.)

F) Permits for repeated moves of like objects are not intended for and will not be issued for the movement of basic material items that are to be fabricated or otherwise built up to form component parts for manufactured items (i.e., sheet steel plates), or when such objects can be transported within legal size and weight limits.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.204 Permits for Limited Continuous Operation

Permits for limited continuous operation are available for a period of three months or one year, except as otherwise indicated on the permit. Movement on limited continuous operation permits is valid on the system of State highways under the jurisdiction of the Department. The permittee shall move only on State routes approved for loads that do not exceed practical maximum weights (see Section 554.604). Prior to each move, the permittee must research construction

zones, posted structures, approved overweight routes, etc., from the following resources: https://truckpermits.dot.illinois.gov under the oversize/overweight movement heading. This information can also be found on the obstruction and restriction map at www.gettingaroundillinois.com. Information and maps available on the above-mentioned websites take precedence over all other mapping sources. All movements must be made in strict compliance with this Part and Form OPER 993. The permit and OPER 993, in written or electronic form, must be carried in the vehicle and must be available for inspection by police or Department officials. The permit may not be transferred, extended or altered. The permitted vehicle may not exceed the posted weight limit on any bridge. Following is a list of available limited continuous operation permits:

A) Limited continuous operation permits may be issued for the movement of oversize legal weight construction equipment or vehicles, provided:

1) The movement will consist of a specific vehicle, a piece of construction equipment, or a "like" load. The vehicle or load may be moved on a specific vehicle, under its own power, or on a tractor/semitrailer vehicle combination. A "like" load must be the same as the load described in the permit. In order to minimize trips and conserve fuel, a permittee may haul, along with the designated object or "like" load, an additional legal size object, provided it is loaded within the legal width, height, and length dimensions and the axle and gross weights are legal;

2) The vehicle or combination of vehicles is properly licensed if plates are required;

3) The overall dimensions do not exceed 12 feet in width, 14 feet 6 inches in height, and 115 feet in length (NOTE: One civilian escort is required for loads that exceed 110 feet in length); and

4) A permit may be obtained to move an oversize empty vehicle that is normally used to haul oversize and/or overweight permit loads. Such permits are needed when returning empty after having delivered an oversize or overweight piece of equipment. In order to minimize trips and conserve fuel, the permittee may, instead of returning empty, haul a legal size object with this permit, provided the axle and gross weights are legal and the object is loaded to conform to the legal width, height, and length limits.

B) Limited continuous operation permits for the movement of manufactured homes or modular sections or oversize storage buildings may be issued, provided:

1) The overall dimensions do not exceed 16 feet in width, 15 feet in height, and 115 feet in length (NOTE: One civilian escort is required for loads that exceed 14 feet 6 inches in width or 14 feet 6 inches in height or 110 feet in length and two civilian escorts if any combination of these dimensions are exceeded.); and

2) The permittee is a dealer licensed by the Secretary of State of Illinois or by another state to do business as a manufactured home dealer; a hauler having an Illinois Commerce Commission permit; a hauler having an Interstate Commerce Commission permit; a manufactured home manufacturer; or a federal, State, or local governmental agency.

C) Limited continuous operation permits may be issued for the movement of stackable manufactured home frames provided:

1) The overall dimensions do not exceed 16 feet in width, 13 feet 6 inches in height, and 115 feet in length (NOTE: One civilian escort is required for loads that exceed 14 feet 6 inches in width or 110 feet in length and two civilian escorts if both the width exceeds 14 feet 6 inches and the length exceeds 110 feet.);

2) The permittee is a dealer licensed by the Illinois Secretary of State, or another state, to do business as a manufactured home dealer; a hauler having an Illinois Commerce Commission permit; a hauler having an Interstate Commerce Commission permit; a manufactured home manufacturer; or a federal, State, or local government agency; and

3) The bottom frame is equipped with operational brakes and lights.

D) Limited continuous operation permits may be issued for highway construction, transportation, utility, and maintenance equipment owned and operated by a local governmental authority for a period of one year.

E) Limited continuous operation permits may be issued for trusses, provided the overall dimensions do not exceed 14 feet in width, 13 feet 6 inches in height, and 115 feet in length. (NOTE: One civilian escort is required for loads that exceed 110 feet in length.)

F) Limited continuous operation permits may be issued for homogenous oversize items of any nature provided the overall dimensions do not exceed 12 feet in width, 14 feet 6 inches in height (non-stackable loads), and 115 feet in length. (NOTE: One civilian escort is required for loads that exceed 110 feet in length.)

G) Limited continuous operation permits may be issued for overweight loads, provided:

1) Weights are within the practical maximums (see Section 554.604); and

2) The overall dimensions do not exceed 12 feet in width, 13 feet 6 inches in height, and 115 feet in length. (NOTE: One civilian escort is required for loads that exceed 110 feet in length.)

3) Front Tag axle and double tandem trailers are not eligible per section 15-307(h) of the Code.

H) Limited continuous operation permits may be issued for the movement of oversize/overweight vehicles and combinations from disablement sites, provided:

1) No single axle within a tandem exceeds 26,000 pounds;

2) No 2-axle tandem exceeds 50,000 pounds;

3) No 3-axle tandem exceeds 60,000 pounds;

4) The overall dimensions do not exceed 10 feet in width, 13 feet 6 inches in height, and 115 feet in length (NOTE: One civilian escort is required for loads that exceed 110 feet in length.); and

5) The movement is from the site of disablement to a point where the repairs actually occur.

I) Limited continuous operation permits may be issued for the movement of oversize/overweight vehicles and combinations to derailment sites, provided:

1) Weights are within the practical maximums (see Section 554.604); and

2) The overall dimensions do not exceed 12 feet in width, 13 feet 6 inches in height, and 110 feet in length.

J) Limited continuous operation permits may be issued for the movement of raw milk transporters, provided:

1) The gross weight does not exceed 80,000 pounds and single axles do not exceed 20,000 pounds;

2) Weight on tires does not exceed manufacturer's rating; and

3) The permittee does not travel on Interstate Highways.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.205 Permits for Repeated Moves Directly Across a Highway

The distinguishing features of this type of permit are:

A) The moves will be repetitive;

B) The moves will be made directly across a State-maintained highway;

C) The moves will be made in the course of industrial, construction, research, or testing activity;

D) The vehicles to be moved or utilized or the objects to be transported need not be dismantled or disassembled; and

E) Permits will be issued for a period not to exceed 6 months.

Section 554.206 Permits for the Movement of Overweight 2-, 3-, 4- or 5-Axle Truck and/or Truck/Tractor Loaded With Sweet Corn, Soybeans, Corn, Wheat, Milo, or Other Small Grains and Ensilage

These permits may be issued for a period not to exceed 40 days, provided:

A) The movement will not exceed 50 miles.

B) The axle and/or tandem weights of these loads will not exceed 35% above the legal limitations for 2-axle trucks; 20% for 3- and 4-axle trucks; and 10% for 5-axle trucks. (See Section 15-301(e) of the Code.)

C) The truck must be licensed for the proper gross weight being hauled.

D) The total gross weight does not exceed maximum gross weight of the registration class of the vehicle allowed under section 3-815 or 3-818 of the Code.

E) The permittee does not travel on Interstate Highways.

F) The moves are made between ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour after sunset.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.207 Permits for the Movement of Construction Equipment within a Construction Zone

A) Permits for the movement of construction equipment within the limits of a construction zone may be issued by the District Engineer. The need for such permits may arise in areas where construction work is being performed while traffic is being maintained (see Section 554.305).

B) The permits are issued only to contractors engaged in highway construction contracts awarded by the Department. Permits for the movement of equipment within a construction zone will not be issued for private construction projects.

Section 554.208 Supplemental Permits

Supplemental permits may be issued by the Permit Office to extend or revise permits that are still valid. Documents authorizing corrections, extensions, and revisions must accompany the original permit, in written or electronic form, and be presented upon request to any police officer or authorized employee of the Department.

Section 554.209 Scope: Duty of Permittee to Read Permit Upon Receipt

Permits are issued in conformance with data contained in an application. Errors in the application, in the permit, or in the transmission of a permit must be corrected before the move begins. The permittee must check the permit upon receipt or before starting a move. If, upon checking a permit, the permittee finds: that the permit does not cover the move; that it is incorrect; or that it is otherwise in error, the permittee must obtain a revision before the move begins.

Section 554.210 Extension of Permits

A) Single Trip Permits, Round Trip Permits, and Permits for Repeated Moves of like Objects will be extended for a period of 5 working days, provided the Department is notified not later than the expiration of the original permit.

B) Extensions will be granted with an effective date sometime after the expiration date of the original permit if the Permit Office is notified prior to the expiration date of the original permit and the time between the expiration and the effective date of the extension does not exceed 30 days.

C) Second extensions will not be issued.

D) The Permit Office will not issue extensions for limited continuous operation permits.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.211 Revision of Permits

A permit shall not be altered or revised except by the Permit Office.

A) The Permit Office may issue revisions to permits:

1) to correct errors attributed to the issuing office;

2) at the request of the permittee before the move has been started:

a) to alter routes or destinations;

b) to correct or increase sizes or weights;

c) to substitute a vehicle used to transport a load;

d) to adjust weights as outlined in Section 554.608; or

3) due to emergency or exceptional conditions beyond the control of or outside the normal scope of knowledge of the permittee.

B) It is the responsibility of the permittee to ensure accuracy of the application. Only one revision per permit will be issued.

C) Consistent with the provisions of this Section, revisions will not be issued:

1) For Permits for Repeated Moves of Like Objects because applications for such moves have been given considerable advance planning;

2) To change the name of the permittee;

3) To change the origin or first route of the move except when entering from the same State line;

4) To alter the description of the load, including the make, model number and/or serial number;

5) To revise a permit that has been violated;

6) To add to scale designation (weigh station) within route; or

7) To change the type of permit.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.212 Fraudulent Permit

A permit shall be deemed fraudulent if it is used in a manner or altered to facilitate use in a manner contrary to the Code, contrary to this Part, contrary to the terms and conditions of the permit as issued, or to otherwise conduct an unpermitted move. A fraudulent permit is void and any move under that permit is considered an unpermitted move. An unpermitted move under a fraudulent permit would include, but would not be limited to:

A) Operation of multiple movements under provision of a single trip permit.

B) Movement of a load not as described on the presented permit.

C) Movement with an issued permit that, without authorization from the Department's Permit Office, has had the original specifications or restrictions altered.

D) Movement when the axle spacing of the hauling unit does not conform to those indicated on the permit application.

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SUBPART C: ISSUANCE OF PERMITS

Section 554.301 Transmission Media

A) The Department recommends the use of our online permit ordering page (https://truckpermits.dot.illinois.gov).

B) All permits can be applied for via the Internet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and many are auto-issued once the permit is paid for. However, permits that are not auto issued are only processed during the normal working hours of the Permit Office.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.303 When Permits Are Issued

Permits can be ordered online 24 hours a day 7 days a week with minor interruptions for system maintenance. Many permits are auto-issued once the application is completed and paid for. Permits that are not auto-issued are processed from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. All permits must be ordered online at http://truckpermits.dot.illinois.gov, the Illinois Department of Transportation Automated Permits (ITAP) site.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.305 District Offices

All District Offices may issue construction equipment permits for moves within a highway construction section consistent with Section 554.207. They may also authorize movement of excessive size and weight loads under emergency conditions. The addresses of all offices can be found online at http://www.idot.illinois.gov.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.306 Method of Application

All applications must be submitted online at https://truckpermits.dot.illinois.gov.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.307 Forms to Assist in the Preparation of a Permit Application

Much of the data required on an application is specified by law. We no longer offer printable forms to gather information prior to ordering a permit. All required information can be found on the online application for all oversize and overweight permits at

https://truckpermits.dot.illinois.gov.

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Section 554.308 Responsibilities of the Department in Analysis of Applications

Statutes and case law require the Department to analyze each application. The analysis must ensure that the application contains the data required by law, that the move can be safely made, that the highway system will not be irreparably damaged, and that the traveling public will not be unduly inconvenienced.

Section 554.310 Procedure Following Arrest for Violation

A) Following an arrest for violation of a permit, if the load can be shifted to comply with the permit and all provisions of the permit, the driver or owner may make the shift and then proceed. If the load cannot be shifted or otherwise adjusted to comply with the permit, a new permit must be secured following the same procedures as for an original permit.

B) If the permit designates and includes a routing to a certified scale that was requested on the original application as outlined in Section 554.607, the permittee, while enroute to the designated scale, shall be deemed in compliance with the weight provisions of the permit provided the axle or gross weights do not exceed any of the permitted limits by more than 2000 pounds on a single axle, 3000 pounds on a tandem axle, and 5000 pounds on the gross weight. Before leaving the designated scale area, the permittee must either:

1) shift the load to comply with the permitted weights,

2) obtain a revision from the Permit Office if the final weights exceed the permit limits but are within the tolerances, or

3) obtain a new permit if the weight tolerances are exceeded.

C) Once a permit is violated for weights above tolerance limits, a revision will not be issued even though weights can be adjusted to be within tolerance limits.

D) The fact that a new permit may be issued to continue the move carries no assumption of intent, error, mistake, or mitigating circumstances concerning the limitations, conditions, or provisions contained in the original permit that may affect its status subsequent to arrest.

E) In the event that a permit load is found moving before the effective date or after the expiration date of the permit, the officer shall proceed with violations of 625 ILCS 5/15-111 as no valid permit exists.

Section 554.311 Subsequent Permits Following a Violation

The permit to continue a move following a violation will be withheld until:

A) The Permit Office has received clearance from the police agency making the arrest that the load may proceed.

B) All fees or fee adjustments have been paid or charged to the appropriate account.

C) *Following a conviction for a third offense within a one year period, the Department shall not issue permits to the person, firm, or corporation for a period of one year after the date of the conviction for such third offense [625 ILCS 5/15-301(j)].*

Section 554.312 Permits for Moves Over Toll Highways

A) Permits for oversize and overweight movements over the Illinois Toll Highway System are not issued by the Department but are required when legal dimensions or weights are exceeded. The maximum dimensions allowed on most toll roads, due to physical limitations, is 12 feet in width and 14 feet 6 inches in height.

B) Both oversize and overweight permits may be obtained from the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515 (630/241-6800, extension 3822 or 3847). Some oversize and overweight permits may also be purchased at a Toll Plaza. A permit is required from the Department's Permit Office for movement on State highways leading to and from the toll road prior to purchase of a toll road permit.

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Section 554.313 Permits for Moves Over Local Roads

A) Permit applications for movement upon local streets or highways should be submitted to the local authorities having maintenance jurisdiction over the street or roadway. Section 15-301 of the Code authorizes local authorities to issue permits under the same conditions as the Department. Within the City of Chicago, it is necessary to obtain permits from both the State (the Department) and City of Chicago for travel on State highways other than the expressways.

B) The Department has no authority to issue permits for moves over streets or highways not under its control or jurisdiction. A permit issued by the Department specifically states in the general provisions that it is void on any highway other than a State maintained highway. The issuance of a permit under this Part does not excuse the permittee from complying with other existing laws that may apply to the movement.

C) The Department will not knowingly terminate a move over a State highway at a local street or highway that may cause damage to the local facility. If a problem is anticipated, proof will be required from the applicant that permission from the local highway official has been obtained.

D) The permit is not valid on any highway or bridge posted for a load limit less than the gross weight of the move, on any highway closed to traffic, and on any highway not maintained by the Department. The right to use highways other than those specified in the permit is neither implied nor granted for non-State-jurisdiction routes. The applicant must obtain permission from the proper local authority to use local streets or highways, or from the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority if traveling over the Tollway.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.314 Moves Upon Structures Located on a Local Street or Highway Spanning an Interstate or Controlled Access Highway

A) Although structures over an Interstate highway, separating a local highway and the multilane highway, may have been built jointly by the Federal Government, State, County, or local municipality, maintenance jurisdiction of the roadway over such structures remains with the local authority.

B) When oversize or overweight moves are required over these structures, permits must be obtained from the local authority having maintenance jurisdiction over the highway. Should the ability of a structure to carry an overweight load be unknown, the Department will assist the local authority by analyzing the structure and reporting the findings.

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Section 554.315 Examples of Violations of Permits

A) When operating under authority of an oversize/overweight permit issued by the Department, the following list includes, but is not limited to, offenses that shall be considered a violation of permit but will not render the entire permit null and void:

1) Incorrect license number or state;

2) Incorrect make, model number, description and/or serial number;

3) Incorrect number of axles;

4) Gross, tandem or single axle weights that are in excess of those permitted. In this case, the violator may be fined for the excess weight in addition to the violation of permit;

5) Incorrect width, length, and/or height of the permit load;

6) Failure to comply with the general and specific provisions and notes listed on the permit. EXCEPTION: Failure to comply with the general and specific provisions and notes pertaining to minimum axle spacing, as described on the permit application and accompanying permit, will be considered a load operating without a permit, and the permit will be deemed fraudulent in accordance with Section 554.212(d).

B) This list is not comprehensive, but reflects the most prevalent instances of violation of permit. Under a violation of permit, the permittee must either bring the permit load into conformance with the conditions of the permit or purchase a new permit before continuing.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

SUBPART D: GENERAL CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS

Section 554.401 Conditions and Restrictions

A) The Permit Office is authorized to set conditions and restrictions on the movement of an oversize or overweight vehicle or load. These, in addition to applicable portions of this policy, govern the permit movement.

B) Permits are only valid for non-divisible loads or vehicles, as defined in the Code and as described below. Multiple objects shall not be loaded in such a way that causes the legal weight, height, width and length laws to be exceeded.

C) Non-divisible load or vehicles: Permit loads are deemed to be reasonably dismantled (non-divisible) if, when separated into smaller loads or vehicles, for the dismantling would:

1) Compromise the intended use of the load or vehicle; that is, make it unable to perform the function for which it was intended;

2) Destroy the value of the load or vehicle; that is, make it unusable for its intended purpose; or

3) Require more than eight hours to dismantle using appropriate equipment. The permittee for a non-divisible load has the burden of proof as to the number of work hours required to dismantle the load.

Section 554.403 Form OPER 993

A) Form OPER 993 contains provisions, restrictions and conditions that may apply to an oversize or overweight move. These forms are available from the Permit Office or online at https://truckpermits.dot.illinois.gov, and must accompany all permits. A form may be capsulated or placed in a plastic binding for use with subsequent permits.

B) The conditions and restrictions will be referred to as "provisions" in the permit. In case of conflict, the order of priority shall be

1) conditions stated in permit,

2) special provisions (referred to by code letter "C" and number) then

3) general provisions (referred to by code letters "A" or "B").

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Section 554.407 When Escort Vehicles Are Required

A) One civilian escort vehicle is required:

1) For all moves that exceed 14 feet 6 inches in width;

2) For all moves that exceed 110 feet in length;

3) For all moves that exceed 14 feet 6 inches in height;

4) For any move across, upon, or along a highway when additional warning is required to alert the traveling public. For instance, if a movement is required to travel during darkness or on a weekend to respond to an emergency situation, a civilian escort will be required.

5) When deemed necessary by the Department's Bridge Office's analysis, or by the Department's District investigation.

B) Two civilian escort vehicles are required:

1) For all moves that exceed both 14 feet 6 inches in width and 14 feet 6 inches in height;

2) For all moves that exceed both 14 feet 6 inches in height and 110 feet in length;

3) For all moves that exceed both 14 feet 6 inches in width and 110 feet in length.

4) When deemed necessary by the Department's Bridge Office's analysis or by the Department's District investigation.

C) Three civilian escorts are required:

1) For all moves that exceed 16 feet in width;

2) For all moves that exceed 145 feet in length;

3) For all moves that exceed 18 feet in height.

4) When deemed necessary by the Department's investigation.

D) Illinois State Police Escorts

1) Illinois State Police escorts are required:

a) For all moves that exceed 18 feet in width;

b) For all moves that exceed 200 feet in length;

c) For all moves that exceed 18 feet in height;

d) For overweight moves where bridge restrictions require that all traffic be kept off of a structure while the permitted vehicle crosses;

e) For any move of an unusual nature where additional traffic control is necessary to alert the motoring public to the permit movement.

f) When deemed necessary by the Department's Bridge Office's analysis or by the Department's District investigation.

2) Moves requiring Illinois State Police escorts will normally be made partially or entirely outside a municipality. The permittee must make all arrangements with State Police Headquarters by calling 217/782-6527 at least 24 hours prior to the move. The Permit Office may determine a State Police escort is not necessary in some instances including but not limited to the following:

a) on moves made within a municipality if local police are utilized as specified in Section 554.407(d);

b) on movements where the object will only cross a State highway and minimal disruption of traffic is anticipated; or

c) on moves over 18 feet high if a field investigation reveals there are not any overhead obstructions.

E) Local police escorts may be required in lieu of State Police escorts when the move is made entirely within the limits of a city or county. It is the responsibility of the permittee to make all arrangements with the local police when the permit specifies such an escort as a condition of the permit.

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Section 554.408 Requirements for Civilian Escorts

The requirements for civilian escort vehicles and drivers are as follows:

A) A civilian escort vehicle shall be a passenger car, or a second division vehicle, defined as in 625 ILCS 5/1-217, of the Code not exceeding a gross vehicle weight of 8,000 pounds that is designed to afford clear and unobstructed vision both front and rear.

B) All escort vehicle operators shall be 18 years of age or over and properly licensed to operate the vehicle.

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

D) When only one escort vehicle is required and when operating on a two-lane highway, the escort vehicle shall travel ahead of the load and the rotating or flashing lights and an "OVERSIZE LOAD" sign shall be displayed on the escort vehicle and be visible from the front. When operating on a multi-lane divided highway, the escort vehicle shall trail the load and the signs and lights shall be visible from the rear.

E) When two escort vehicles are required, one escort shall travel ahead of the load and the second escort shall trail the load both with required lights and signs.

F) Escort vehicles shall travel approximately 300 feet in front of the load on two-lane highways and the same distance to the rear on multilane highways in rural areas. However, the required escort vehicle with a height pole for overheight movements must travel in front of the load. When traveling within the corporate limits of a city or town, the escort vehicle shall maintain a reasonable and proper distance consistent with existing traffic conditions.

G) A separate escort shall be provided for each load hauled under permit. Movements in convoys are prohibited unless a State Police escort vehicle is also required, then the Permit Office may authorize convoy movement for multiple loads.

H) The operator of the escort vehicle shall obey all traffic laws.

I) The escorting vehicle shall be in safe operational condition.

J) The driver of the escort vehicle must be in radio contact with the driver of the permit vehicle.

K) Owners and/or operators of escort vehicles must have in effect or be self-insured in the minimum amount of $500,000 per occurrence combined bodily injury and property damage.

L) A pole for measuring vertical clearances shall be mounted on escort vehicles leading loads in excess of 14 feet 6 inches in height. The escort driver shall alert the driver of the permit vehicle to any overhead obstructions that will not clear the load.

Section 554.409 Minimum Sized Vehicle Allowed to Move Manufactured Homes

Following are the minimum size vehicles that may be used to tow manufactured homes:

A) 8 feet wide manufactured home – passenger car.

B) Over 8 feet up to 10 feet wide, 70 feet overall length manufactured home – ¾ ton truck.

C) Over 10 feet up to 12 feet wide, 115 feet overall length manufactured home – 1 ton truck with dual wheels.

D) Over 12 feet wide up to 115 feet overall length manufactured home - 2 ton truck with dual wheels.

Section 554.410 Minimum Sized Vehicle allowed to Move an Over dimension Load, Excluding Manufactured Homes

The minimum size vehicle that may move a load 10 feet wide or more is a ¾-ton truck or equivalent.

Section 554.411 Overweight Moves

A) The minimum combination of vehicles authorized to transport an object for which an overweight permit will be issued shall consist of a standard tandem axle truck tractor drawing a tandem axle semitrailer. The Department shall consider issuing a permit for an overweight single or tandem axle on a combination of vehicles with less than five axles, providing the gross weight is legal, if the excess weight is caused by equipment which is permanently affixed to a framework or semitrailer with a single or tandem axle.

B) No overweight permits will be issued for a two-axle truck tractor drawing a three-axle semitrailer.

C) No permit may be issued for overweight whenever the load could be carried with legal weights on a vehicle of increased length or number of axles.

Section 554.412 Axle Suspension for Legal Weight Moves

There are no minimum axle suspension requirements for legal weight permit moves since a suspension system is not included in the legal definition of a tandem axle. However, all axle and axle group weights must remain within the legal limits as shown in Table 1 of Form OPER 753.

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Section 554.413 Axle Suspension for Overweight Moves

Truck-tractor drive tandem or Semitrailers with three or more axles:

The suspension system must be designed to distribute a relatively equal amount of weight to each axle at various loadings. A maximum differential of 2000 pounds between the heaviest and lightest axle is allowed for all axles within a tandem.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.414 Buildings

A) Buildings may be mounted on house moving dollies equipped with pneumatic tires and towed by a truck or truck tractor when moved up to 10 miles or they may be loaded on a truck, semitrailer or trailer. When moved on house moving dollies, the dollies and tires shall be in good condition and a sufficient number shall be used to carry the weight of the building. The truck or truck tractor also shall be in good condition and have the capacity and power to control the movement of the building.

B) Permits will not be issued to allow the movement of buildings along or across the highways when mounted on skids because of possible damage to roadway surfaces.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.415 Farm Tractors Prohibited as Towing Vehicle

Section 11-1418 of The Code prohibits the use of farm tractors in towing oversize and overweight permit loads.

Section 554.416 Double-Bottom Units

Legal weight double-bottom units 60 feet in length may operate on any Illinois highway. These combinations are allowed longer lengths on Interstate highways and other routes designated by the Department. The legal length requirements are outlined on Form OPER 753. A map of the designated routes is available online at www.gettingaroundillinois.com. Permits will not be issued for the operation of empty or loaded double-bottom units exceeding these limitations.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.417 Flags

All flags shall be clean bright red flags with no advertising, wording, emblem, or insignia inscribed upon them and at least 18 inches square. They shall be displayed so as to wave freely on all four corners of a house trailer and at the extremities of other overwidth objects, and at the extreme ends of all protrusions, projections, or overhangs.

Section 554.418 Illuminated, Rotating, Oscillating or Flashing Amber Lights

A) Illuminated rotating, oscillating or flashing amber lights mounted on top of the vehicle, and on the rear of the load, if necessary, shall be in operation during the movement of all oversize and/or overweight permit loads and shall have sufficient intensity, when illuminated, to be visible at 500 feet in all directions in normal sunlight. The lights may augment but not supersede flagmen or escorts. The illuminated, rotating, oscillating or flashing amber lights must be clearly visible to traffic approaching from the front and the rear of the transport vehicles for at least 500 feet. If the load on the vehicle blocks the visibility of the amber lighting from the rear of the vehicle, the vehicle must also be equipped with illuminated, rotating, oscillating or flashing amber lights on the rear of the load. Emergency moves at night, if authorized, shall also display illuminated, rotating, oscillating or flashing amber lights. (See 625 ILCS 5/12-215(b)(5).)

B) Vehicles transporting objects over 80 feet in length shall be equipped with two illuminated, rotating, oscillating or flashing amber lights: one over the cab of the vehicle; the other within 10 feet of the rear of the object, mounted as high as practical over it.

Section 554.419 Oversize Load Signs

The "OVERSIZE LOAD" sign should have approximately 12-inch black letters with a 2-inch stroke on a yellow sign that is approximately 7 feet wide by 18 inches high. The minimum letter size is a height of 10 inches with a stroke of 1.41 inches. The signs are mandatory on escort vehicles and on the front and rear of vehicles and loads over 10 feet wide, 14 feet 6 inches high, or 75 feet long. When an escort vehicle is traveling ahead of the permit load, the sign shall be visibly displayed toward the front, and when the escort vehicle is trailing, the sign shall be displayed toward the rear. The sign on an escort vehicle may be reduced to include 8-inch-high letters on a panel that is 5 feet wide by 12 inches high.

Section 554.420 General Speed Limits for Permit Movements

A) Unless otherwise stated in the permit, the maximum speed for vehicles being operated in rural areas under permit authority is 5 miles per hour under the maximum posted speed limit. Legal weight, legal height movements up to 10 feet in width are allowed to travel at the legal maximum speed limit.

B) The speed limit stated in the permit is one of the conditions upon which the permit has been issued, and it takes precedence over any maximum speed limit that may be posted on any highway. Violation of the speed limit contained in the permit will render the driver subject to arrest.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.421 Moves in Convoys Prohibited

Vehicles traveling under permit authority may not travel in convoys unless authorized by the Permit Office (e.g. when the movements are accompanied by a police escort).

Section 554.422 When Moves May be Made

A) Over dimension permit loads with dimensions equal to or less than 14 feet 6 inches in width, 15 feet 00 inches in height, 145 feet in length, regardless of weight unless stated otherwise on the permit, are authorized to move between ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour after sunset, 7 days a week. Over dimension permit loads with dimensions greater than 14 feet 6 inches in width, 15 feet 00 inches in height, 145 feet in length are authorized between ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour after sunset, Monday through Friday, and from ½ hour before sunrise until noon, Saturday (unless specified otherwise on the provision sheet or permit). Overweight permit loads with legal dimensions are allowed 24 hour a day, 7 days a week movement.

1) Over dimension movements are restricted on specified holidays, beginning at noon the day preceding the holiday or the holiday weekend. The specified holidays are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

2) Movement shall not be made when the highway is covered with snow or ice or when visibility is unduly impaired by rain, snow, fog, smog or at any time travel conditions are considered to be unsafe by the Illinois State Police. Conditions are posted on the Winter Road Conditions map online at www.gettingaroundillinois.com. Movements of house trailers over 12 feet wide are prohibited when wind gusts exceed 25 miles per hour.

3) Emergency and other special movements may be authorized for travel at any time if the need is justified. Other special movements may include those that would be better accommodated during hours when it would be less disruptive to other traffic and movements that are of critical importance to industry due to the tight time constraints. For example, repairs to the expressway system in Cook County are often done at night and on weekends. If equipment is required to do the work and there is no storage at the site, a permit may be issued authorizing travel to and from the jobsite during the hours of construction.

4) Movements exceeding the practical maximum size and weight limits may be restricted to a specified day and time. (See also Section 554.310(e) regarding violations.)

5) Movements exceeding 14 feet 6 inches in width and those movements that are to be accompanied by State Police or Department personnel are generally restricted to travel on days when the Permit Office is open.

B) Permit movements on State jurisdiction roads in Cook County are subject to the following additional restrictions.

1) Movement of loads exceeding practical maximum weights (see Section 554.604), 12 feet in width or 13 feet 6 inches in height are prohibited on the expressways in Cook County; except Interstate 55 north of exit 277, Interstate 57 south of US 6 (159th St.), and Interstate 290 north of toll road Interstate 294.

2) Travel times on State routes excluding those prohibited in subsection (b)(1) are as follows: Over dimension permit loads with dimensions equal to or less than 14 feet 6 inches in width, 15 feet 0 inches in height, 145 feet in length, regardless of weight unless stated otherwise on the permit, are authorized to move between ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour after sunset, 7 days a week. Over dimension permit loads with dimensions greater than 14 feet 6 inches in width, 15 feet 0 inches in height, 145 feet in length are authorized to move between ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour after sunset, Monday through Friday, and from ½ hour before sunrise until noon, Saturday (unless specified otherwise on the provision sheet or permit). Overweight permit loads with legal dimensions are allowed 24 hour a day, seven days a week movement. Movements are further restricted on specific holidays and holiday weekends (see http://www.idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/permits/oversize-and-overweight-permits/index for details).

3) All permit related questions concerning roads under Cook County jurisdiction, excluding routes within the City of Chicago, should be directed to the Cook County Permit Office at 312/603-1670.

C) Permit movements on State jurisdiction roads in City of Chicago are subject to the following additional restrictions:

1) Travel times on State routes in the City of Chicago are as follows: Over dimension permit loads with dimensions equal to or less than 14 feet 6 inches in width, 15 feet 0 inches in height, 145 feet in length, regardless of weight unless stated otherwise on the permit, are authorized to move between ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour after sunset, 7 days a week. Over dimension permit loads with dimensions greater than 14 feet 6 inches in width, 15 feet 0 inches in height, 145 feet in length are authorized between ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour after sunset, Monday through Friday, and from ½ hour before sunrise until noon, Saturday (unless specified otherwise on the provision sheet or permit). Overweight permit loads with legal dimensions are allowed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week movement. Movements are further restricted on specific holidays and holiday weekends (see http:///www.idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/permits/oversize-and-overweight-permits/index for details).

2) For permits and travel time restrictions on all routes under the City of Chicago's jurisdiction, including roads within the Central Business District

from Cermak Rd. (2200 S) to the south, Division St. (1200 N) to the north, Halsted St. (800 W) to the West and Lake Michigan to the east, contact the City of Chicago at 312/744-4696.

3) All permit related questions concerning roads under the City of Chicago's jurisdiction should be directed to the City of Chicago Permit Office at 312/744-4696.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.423 Moves Over Posted Load Roads and Bridges

No permit load shall move over a bridge posted at less than the permitted weight or less than legal weight. If the permittee finds that the proposed move exceeds the posted load limit on a route listed in the permit, contact should be made with the issuing office to obtain a revised route around the posted load limit before proceeding.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.424 Time Limits

Due to high traffic volumes in certain areas of the State, or unusual roadway, weather, or other conditions, the time during which some superload permit loads can move may be specified. This time is usually 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. but other restrictions may be indicated.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.425 Deviation from Authorized Routes

A) Permit movements must be made over the routes listed in the permit. If the permittee is traveling on State maintained routes other than those specified in the permit, the permittee is subject to arrest in accordance with Section 15-301(j) of the Code.

B) If a routing is not prescribed, the permittee is expected to follow a direct route on State maintained highways between the specified origin and destination.

C) Upon instructions from a police officer, the permittee may also be directed off of the assigned route to a scale. When the permittee is found to be within the size and weight limits of his/her permit, it is the responsibility of the police officer to assist the permittee in returning to the prescribed route.

D) A permitted load operating on an unauthorized State-maintained highway is prohibited from further movement until the Department provides a new route to return the permittee to the routing authorized in the permit.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.426 Permit and OPER 993 Must be Carried with the Move

Section 15-301(f) of the Code requires that the permit be carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which it refers. The OPER 993 is part of the permit. The conditions and restrictions listed on the OPER 993 govern the movement of vehicles or objects authorized by a written permit issued by the Department under Section 15-301, of the Code. The conditions and restrictions specified are a part of the permit as though written in detail in the transmittal. The driver of the vehicle shall have the permit and OPER 993, in written or electronic form, in their possession during the movement, and shall show said permit and OPER 993, on demand, to any police officer or authorized employee or agent of the Department. The permit covers only the person or firm designated as the permittee and is not transferable.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.427 Closure of Highway for Permit Movement

Permit may not be issued for the movement of vehicles or loads that will cause a route to be closed for more than 10 minutes unless:

A) An acceptable detour has been established. When a detour for other traffic is necessary, the permittee is responsible for ensuring that:

1) The traffic control plan has been approved before the move is started.

2) Permission for use of any local roads or streets has been obtained from the officials who have jurisdiction over the roadways.

3) All signs and barricades conform with the standards contained in the current Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (92 Ill. Adm. Code 546), and

4) All detour signs and barricades are erected prior to closing the roadway and removed immediately after the road is reopened to traffic.

B) Another form of traffic control is approved by the Permit Office.

C) Emergency vehicles can be accommodated at all times.

Section 554.428 Right-of-Way During Movement

Movements shall be confined to a single traffic lane and shall be made in such a manner that the rest of the roadway will be open at all times so the flow of other traffic will not unnecessarily be obstructed. Other traffic will be given the right-of-way over the movement. The driver shall remove the vehicle from the roadway when necessary to allow an accumulation of traffic to pass or when so directed by a police officer.

Section 554.429 Legal Height Movements

Permit authority is not required for the movement of a vehicle, inclusive of load, not exceeding the legal height limitation of 13 feet 6 inches as established in the Code. Therefore, no action is taken by the Department, either separately or in conjunction with authorizing an otherwise oversize or overweight movement, to ensure adequate clearance of structures for a vehicle, inclusive of load, if the applicant or permittee has indicated the overall height is legal.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.430 Assigned Permitted Route

The assigned permit route includes a distance of one mile onto another contiguous state jurisdiction highway provided that no structures are crossed, no posted weight limits are exceeded, over dimensional moves are not obstructed, all other provisions of the permit are followed and the route is used for any of the following reasons:

A) To obtain fuel or repair;

B) To provide for food or rest for the driver;

C) To allow for the legal return to a permitted route after mistakenly going off route;

D) To comply with regulatory signs to weigh.

SUBPART E: OVERSIZE VEHICLES AND LOADS

Section 554.501 Scope

A) Permits may be issued for over dimension objects and vehicles if they have been reasonably disassembled. Objects must be loaded within legal dimensions, if at all possible. Multiple objects, loaded side-by-side, end-to-end, or on top of each other, may not cause the over dimension. However, more than one over dimension object may be transported if it does not result in another dimension that exceeds legal limits.

B) Permits to move empty over dimension trailers may be obtained, but these trailers may not normally be used to transport legal size loads. Consideration will be given to the movement of a legal size object requiring a special carriage that results in an oversize vehicle. An over dimension trailer may be used to transport an over dimension object.

C) Permits will not be issued for empty or loaded double-bottom units that exceed legal maximum size or weights.

D) Non-divisible load or vehicles.

1) Permit loads are deemed to be reasonably dismantled (non-divisible) if, when separated into smaller loads or vehicles, further dismantling would:

a) Compromise the intended use of the load or vehicle; that is, make it unable to perform the function for which it was intended;

b) Destroy the value of the load or vehicle; that is, make it unusable for its intended purpose; or

c) Require more than 8 work hours to dismantle using appropriate equipment. The permittee for a non-divisible load has the burden of proof as to the number of work hours required to dismantle the load.

2) The Department may treat emergency response vehicles, casks designed and used for the transport of spent nuclear materials, and military vehicles transporting marked military equipment or material as non-divisible vehicles or loads (see 23 CFR 658.5, April 1, 2006).

E) Due to variations in lengths of vehicles, inclines, curve radii, and other road conditions and factors, the Department does not guarantee and the permittee cannot assume the posted height or width is adequate for the movement. It is also the sole responsibility of the permittee, when not in conformance with Section 11- 1203(a) of the Code, to inspect all railroad grade crossings for clearance along the permitted route prior to a move. The permittee assumes sole liability should the posted height or width or railroad grade crossing clearances prove inadequate. The Department may require indemnification from the permittee for any and all damages or claims incurred from inadequate clearance.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.502 Legal Dimensions

Form OPER 753 illustrates legal dimensions. Also see Sections 15-101, 15-102, 15-103, and 15- 107 of the Code.

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Section 554.503 Exceptions to Legal Limitations

A) *The provisions of this Part governing size, weight and load do not apply to fire apparatus or equipment for snow and ice removal operations owned or operated by any governmental body, or to implements of husbandry, as defined in Section 1-130 of the Code, temporarily operated or towed in a combination upon a highway provided such combination does not consist of more than 3 vehicles or, in the case of hauling fresh, perishable fruits or vegetables from farm to the point of first processing, not more than 3 wagons being towed by an implement of husbandry, or to a vehicle operated under the terms of a special permit issued under this Part.* (Section 15-101(b) of the Code)

B) *Length limitations in Section 15-107(a) through (f) of the Code do not apply to the following*:

1) *Vehicles operated in the daytime, except on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays, when transporting poles, pipe, machinery, or other objects of a structural nature that cannot readily be dismembered, provided the overall length of vehicle and load may not exceed 100 feet and no object exceeding 80 feet in length may be transported unless a permit has been obtained as authorized in Section 15-301 of the Code*. (Section 15-107(g)(1) of the Code)

2) *Vehicles and loads operated by a public utility while en route to make emergency repairs to public service facilities or properties, but during night operation every vehicle and its load must be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of the load.* (Section 15-107(g)(2) of the Code)\

C) The following vehicles may exceed the 8 feet 6 inches (width) limitation during the period between ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour after sunset:

1) *Loads of hay, straw or other similar farm products provided that the load is not more than 12 feet wide.* (Section 15-102(b)(1) of the Code)

2) *Implements of husbandry being transported on another vehicle and the transporting vehicle while loaded.* (Section 15-102(b)(2) of the Code) Note, however, the requirements of Sections 554.313, 554.407, 554.413, 554.417, 554.419 and 554.503 continue to apply to a move under this subsection (c)(2). See Form OPER 2279.

3) *Portable buildings designed and used for agricultural and livestock raising operations that are not more than 14 feet wide and with not more than a 1 foot overhang along the left side of the hauling vehicle. However, the*

buildings shall not be transported more than 10 miles and not on any route that is part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. All buildings when being transported shall display at least 2 red cloth flags, not less than 12 inches square, mounted as high as practicable on the left and right side of the building. A State Police escort shall be required if it is necessary for this load to use part of the left lane when crossing any 2 lane State highway bridge. (Section 15-102(b)(3) of the Code)

D) Persons, teams, motor vehicles, and other equipment, while actually engaged in work upon the surface of the highway, also are exempt, but legal limitations do apply to such persons and vehicles when traveling to or from such work. (See Section 11-205(f) of the Code.)

E) Often a question arises as to whether a piece of equipment is exempted or whether a permit must be obtained for its movement. A guide is found in an Attorney General's Opinion, dated November 15, 1949, concerning an overwidth bulldozer used occasionally for farm conservation work. The opinion reads in part:

> "It would seem that the bulldozer is used chiefly for a commercial operation and in view of such use would probably not be within the exemption. There are many items which could be used for commercial purposes in aid of a farming operation or to conserve the soil, but of course, all such items do not fall within the exemption of the statute. The character of their use must necessarily be a determining factor."

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Section 554.504 Overwidth up to 14 Feet 6 Inches Wide

A) Permits may be issued for widths up to the practical maximum of 14 feet 6 inches, except for toll highways and certain expressways in the Chicago area.

B) Movement of loads exceeding practical maximum weights (see Section 554.604), 12 feet in width or 13 feet 6 inches in height are prohibited on the expressways in Cook County; except Interstate 55 north of Exit 277, Interstate 57 south of US 6 (159th St.), and Interstate 290 north of toll road Interstate 294.

C) Separate permits must be obtained from the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (630/241-6800, Extension 3822 or 3847) for travel on Illinois toll roads. The maximum height permitted on the toll roads is 14 feet 6 inches, the maximum width permitted on these toll roads is 12 feet.

D) Loads exceeding 14 feet 6 inches in width will generally be routed over multilane highways whenever possible even though additional travel distance may result. An alternate routing could be approved if, for example, the traffic volumes on the proposed two-lane routing were low and the highway geometrics were sufficient to allow the unit to move without disrupting traffic flow.

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Section 554.505 Width Exceeding 14 Feet 6 Inches

A) In the interest of safety, the movement of vehicles or objects exceeding this width requires a permit. Construction activity or other highway conditions may result in lengthy delays in the issuance of a permit or may preclude issuance altogether.

B) Movement of vehicles or objects exceeding 18 feet wide will generally only be authorized on Interstate and other multilane controlled access highways. All the movements on these highways must be able to maintain any minimum posted speeds, except at locations where the permit requires reduced speeds.

C) Permits may be issued to move a vehicle or load over 14 feet 6 inches in width, provided:

1) Roadway data maintained by the Permit Office disclosed that the movement can be made without seriously jeopardizing other traffic or highway facilities. If these data are inadequate, a District investigation shall be conducted.

2) The movement will not delay emergency vehicles that may need to travel on the proposed routing.

3) The move is not one of many to be made in the course of regular operations.

D) Movements shall be confined to a single traffic lane and shall be made in such a manner that the rest of the roadway will be open at all times so the flow of other traffic will not unnecessarily be obstructed. Whenever the width of the object or the roadway conditions requires the use of more than a single traffic lane, other traffic will be given the right-of-way over this movement. The driver shall remove the vehicle from the roadway when necessary to allow an accumulation of traffic to pass or when so directed by a police officer.

E) Moves of vehicles or objects over 16 feet in width require a District investigation. A District investigation will not be required for each of several identical moves provided they are all completed within (3 weeks) 21 days from the originally requested effective date of the initial investigation. When utilizing an approved district investigation on a subsequent permit it must be ordered using the identical permit number. If a District investigation is required and the permittee does not request issuance of the permit again within 3 weeks after the effective date on the original permit, the Permit Office will resubmit the requested movement to all of the Districts for reconsideration.

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Section 554.506 Horizontal Clearances

Horizontal clearances at bridges and other obstructions must exceed the overall width of the load by 24 inches or more. Where practical, the load may be raised over handrails in order to clear. However, if this is proposed, the vertical clearance between the top of the handrail and the underside of the load must be at least 18 inches.

Section 554.507 Overlength

A) Permits are required for empty vehicles that exceed legal dimensions, for objects that exceed 80 feet long, and for loads on a single vehicle or on the first vehicle of a combination that protrude 3 feet beyond the front bumper. Protruding sections of a single vehicle (such as the boom of a mobile crane) may extend more than 3 feet beyond the front bumper.

B) The practical maximum length for permit movements is 145 feet. Permits may be issued for greater lengths on the basis of an individual movement analysis.

Section 554.508 Overheight

A) The maximum overheight for which a permit may be issued is governed by overhead clearances provided to the Permit Office by each District. The height of the move should be measured from the uppermost point of the object, after it is loaded, to the ground. The practical maximum height is 15 feet.

B) The maximum height authorized on Chicago area controlled access highways is 13 feet 6 inches.

C) On all highways, a 3-inch clearance generally is specified to allow for bounce. Overheight movements that are extremely long may require additional clearance at underpasses where the approach pavement dips abruptly at the structure.

D) The measurements of all structures are listed by the Department at http://www.idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/permits/oversize-and-overweight-permits/index under the Resources tab oversized/overweight heading or on the obstruction & restrictions map at www.gettingaroundillinois.com. In addition, all routes must be clear of any legal weight structures, ton structures and temporary and permanent restrictions that may apply to the load.

E) For movements at 17 feet in height, or greater, it is the responsibility of the applicant to contact all companies with overhead utility facilities and to indicate on the application the company, name of person contacted and telephone number. A District investigation, consisting of a route survey by District personnel, will be required.

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Section 554.509 Maximum Size Manufactured Home, Modular Home, or Oversize Storage Building

The maximum size manufactured home, modular home section, or oversize storage building combination that may be moved in Illinois is 16 feet in width and 115 feet in length. This includes the towing vehicle. (See Section 15-304 of the Code.) Movements under authority of a limited continuous operation permit shall be restricted to a maximum height of 15 feet.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.510 Manufactured Home Frames

Permits for over dimension manufactured home frames loaded on regular or lowboy semitrailers or on specially designed vehicles that are normally accepted as semitrailers and are normally licensed as semitrailers may be issued. A permit may be issued to tow one manufactured home frame. The Department issues stackable manufactured home frame limited continuous operation permits.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.511 Buildings

The movement of buildings is similar to other over dimension moves. This Section provides additional information that pertains to building moves.

A) The size of a building that may be moved is generally contingent upon the physical limitation of the highway upon which the building is to be moved and the effect of the move upon the flow of traffic. Porches or protruding sections generally must be removed to reduce the building to acceptable proportions. Loose boards, bricks, etc., must also be removed for safety reasons.

B) If, in connection with a permitted building move, work must be done on a State highway, such as tree trimming or removal and replacement of signs, signals or guardrails, written permission must be obtained from the District involved.

C) Removal or raising of overhead wires and cables is the responsibility of the permittee. Necessary arrangements must be made with utility companies.

D) Routes upon which a building may be moved are as follows:

1) Generally, buildings may be moved on or across low traffic volume routes that have sufficient vertical and horizontal clearances.

2) Movements of large buildings on or along high traffic volume routes will be considered on an individual basis. These routes include major arterial routes near a central business district and multi-lane access-controlled highways.

3) Applications will not be approved for movements on or across Interstate or other multi-lane fully access-controlled highways.

E) In addition to the general provisions applicable to over dimension or overweight movements, one or more of the following special provisions may apply to the movements of buildings:

1) If it is anticipated that the movement of the building will be delayed by any utility line adjustments or tree trimming, the Department will require this work to be performed prior to beginning the move. The permittee must verify with the Department's District Offices at the time of the move that all required work has been completed.

2) Any traffic signals or signs that must be removed for vertical or lateral clearance shall be removed immediately prior to and replaced immediately after the building passes the signs or signal installation.

3) When a detour for other traffic is necessary, the permittee shall ascertain that an approved detour has been established, that detour signs and barricades are erected and removed, when required, and that all signs and barricades conform with standards contained in the current Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways. In planning a detour route, consideration shall be given to the handling of emergency service vehicles.

4) The permittee shall present a barricade plan for all affected streets. This plan must be approved before the move starts. The permittee is also responsible for ensuring that movement of emergency vehicles can be accommodated at all times.

5) Movement is authorized only when the shoulders are dry and firm, frozen, or have sufficient bearing capacity to support loads imposed by the weight of the building passing traffic.

6) If bridges are to be crossed during the movement, it is necessary that the weight of large buildings be provided to allow completion of a bridge analysis. The Permit Office may require verification of the weight prior to issuance of the permit.

7) Additional insurance or security may be required in accordance with Section 554.108 or 554.905.

F) Requirements governing permits for the movement of manufactured homes or building sections fall within two categories. The category depends on the type of vehicle on which the module is transported. The categories are: movement as a house trailer and movement as a building.

1) Building sections or manufactured homes moved under manufactured home requirements are those transported on a frame and wheel assembly, on a trailer, or on a vehicle closely resembling a manufactured home frame. Manufactured home sections must be specifically identified on the application, the permit and during the move. Movement is made under the same restrictions, conditions and provisions as a house trailer move, as prescribed in Section 554.509, and may not exceed 16 feet in width and 115 feet in length. Movements under the authority of a limited continuous operation permit are restricted to a maximum 15 feet in height.

2) Building sections or manufactured homes moved under building requirements are those transported on a regular lowboy semitrailer with a fifth wheel connection and with the axles near the rear of the semitrailer. A specially designed vehicle may also be used if it is normally considered as a semitrailer, with the axles near the rear, and it is normally licensed as a semitrailer.

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SUBPART F: OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES AND LOADS

Section 554.601 Scope

A) *Permits may be issued for overweight vehicles and objects if they have been reasonably disassembled* [625 ILCS 5/15-301] and the highway system can carry the weight. Overweight moves may consist of only a single object. Overweight equipment may be moved with normal components attached.

B) The Permit Office may require verification of the weight of the vehicle and load prior to issuing a permit when there is reason to believe the requested weight is incorrect. Permits are required for any overweight movement to or from a weigh scale over State highways for preliminary weighing of the vehicle and load.

C) For a shipping container to be considered a non-divisible load and eligible to be hauled under an OS/OW permit issued by the Department, it must be in a sealed shipping container for international shipment and in route for import or export to/from a foreign country. Upon request from law enforcement, the driver must present documentation, such as a bill of lading or manifest that specifically ties the sealed container being moved to the container listed in the documentation through the unique container number (consists of 4 letters and 7 numbers). The documentation must also clearly state the foreign country destination or origin of that container. Failure to produce such documentation shall result in the load being considered a divisible load and ineligible to be permitted. As a result, the load may be considered to be running without a permit and subject to be fined back to legal weight.

Section 554.602 Legal Weights

See Form OPER 753 and Section 15-111 of the Code.

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Section 554.603 Exceptions to Legal Weights

Fire apparatus or equipment designed for snow and ice removal owned and/or operated by governmental agencies, implements of husbandry temporarily operated or towed upon a highway, and vehicles and loads operated by a public utility when transporting equipment required for emergency repairs are exempt from weight limitations.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.604 Practical Maximum Weights

All requests for overweight moves are considered. However, due to the physical capacity of the highways and bridges, practical maximum weights have been established. Although many bridges will not carry these weights, routes are generally available to most destinations. These weights are:

A) 6 or more-axle tractor semitrailer combination 120,000 pounds gross; 48,000 pounds on drive tandem; 60,000 pounds on semitrailer tandem.

B) 5-axle tractor semitrailer combination 100,000 pounds gross; maximum of 48,000 pounds on either tandem.

C) 4-or-more-axle vehicle (axle spacing 23 feet or more): up to and including 76,000 pounds gross; maximum of 44,000 pounds on one tandem and 44,000 pounds on the other.

D) 3-or-more-axle vehicle (axle spacing 18 feet or more): maximum 68,000 pounds gross; 20,000 pounds on one axle and 48,000 pounds on the tandem.

E) 2-axle vehicle: maximum 48,000 pounds, neither axle exceeds 25,000 pounds.

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Section 554.605 Superload Moves

Superload moves or moves on nonstandard vehicles or with nonstandard axle configurations may be authorized if allowable pavement and bridge stresses are not exceeded. These moves normally require additional time and fees (see Section 554.910) for analyses.

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Section 554.606 Maximum Weight on Chicago Expressways

The maximum gross weight that may be authorized on Chicago expressway is practical maximum weights as described in Section 554.604.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.607 Movement to a Designated Scale

Sections 15-301(b) and (f) of the Code allow the permittee to travel to a certified scale to verify the axle and gross weights of an overweight load when the permittee is uncertain of the correct weights. The following conditions apply:

A) The applicant must, on the original application, request that the load be routed to a state operated scale, the location of which was designated on the application.

B) For all single trip permits, the scale must be the nearest scale to the permittee's origin that has been certified by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (State weigh stations included). The "nearest scale" is defined as a scale within 25 miles of the permitted load's origin or no more than ⅓ of the total distance of the permitted route, whichever distance is less. However, if size and/or weight limits preclude the use of the requested scale, the permittee shall be routed to the first scale located within the route assigned by the Permit Office provided such scale is located within 25 miles of the permittee's origin or no more than ⅓ of the total distance of the permitted route, whichever distance is less.

C) The applicant must indicate the requested routing.

D) If any routes under the jurisdiction of local agencies are included in the routing, the applicant must provide evidence that approval has been secured from the local authority having jurisdiction.

E) Due to the volume of permits handled, the Permit Office cannot assist the applicant in determining the closest certified scale. By approving the routing to the scale as requested by the applicant and indicating the weight of the load is to be checked at a designated scale, the Permit Office in no way implies that it is the closest certified scale to the permit's origin. If a police officer finds there is a closer certified scale, the police officer may require the permittee to travel to that scale; however, it is that police officer's responsibility to verify that the routes can accommodate the load.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.608 Status of Permittee While Enroute to the Scale

A) When the applicant has requested travel to a designated scale and the routing and scale have been specified in the permit by the Permit Office the permittee shall be deemed in compliance with the weight provisions of the permit provided the axle or gross weights do not exceed any of the permitted limits by more than the following amounts:

1)	Single axle	2,000 pounds
2)	Tandem axle	3,000 pounds
3)	Gross	5,000 pounds

B) If the permittee is stopped by a police officer while enroute to the scale specified in the permit, the police officer may accompany the permittee to the designated scale and witness the weighing, or the police officer may direct the permittee to a closer certified scale. However, the police officer assumes responsibility for ensuring that the selected route to the alternate scale can safely accommodate the load. The Permit Office may be contacted if the police officer is unsure of the capacity of the route.

C) If after checking the weights at the scale, the permittee finds that the weights are within the limits indicated in the permit, the permittee may proceed to the destination by using the routes indicated in the permit. However, the permittee must still stop at all open weigh stations along the permitted route and will be subject to all normal enforcement action.

D) If the permittee finds that the load exceeds one or more of the limits specified in the permit, but is within the tolerances indicated in subsection (a), the permittee must contact the Permit Office to either obtain a revised permit, as provided in Section 554.211 of this Part, or reduce the weights to those specified in the permit before proceeding. Under the provisions of Section 15-301(f) of the Code, the permittee is not subject to arrest for being overweight while at or en route to the designated scale unless the load is found to be in excess of the permit limits by more than the weight tolerance in subsection (a).

E) If the load exceeds one or more of the limits specified in the permit by an amount in excess of the tolerances indicated in subsection (a), the permittee is subject to arrest if a police officer witnesses the weighing or if the permittee moves the load from the scale premises without either first adjusting the load to within the limits specified in the permit or obtaining a new permit that covers the movement.

There shall be no refund of fees for any permit so exceeded, nor will there be any reduction in the fee for the new permit.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.609 Movement of Off-Road Overweight Equipment

The distance that can be traveled on Illinois highways under a permit by overweight equipment such as a scraper or end loader that is not designed for highway travel, under its own power or towed, will generally be limited to a maximum distance of 25 miles. Axle limitations will be based upon an analysis of the pavement utilizing the tire sizes specified on the application. If any single axle exceeds 30,000 pounds, no structures may be crossed.

Section 554.610 Movement of Exceptionally Large Equipment

These movements characteristically involve a great deal of advance planning and analysis. The objects being moved may weigh several hundred thousand pounds or more and can be moved under their own power or may be loaded on special transporting equipment. Typical loads include power shovels or draglines used in strip mining operations, reactor vessels or generators used in power plants, or other extremely heavy industrial equipment components. These movements are generally for very short distances on or across a highway. In addition to the general provisions applicable to normal over dimension and overweight movements, one or more of the following conditions may apply.

A) Due to the lengthy pavement and bridge analyses required for exceptionally heavy loads, a special agreement regarding payment of inspection and investigation fees in accordance with Section 554.910(b) may be necessary.

B) The effect of the movement on overhead and underground utilities must be determined by the utility companies. Any adjustments required, such as raising lines or rerouting underground facilities are to be made in advance of the movement.

C) Movement may be restricted to when the shoulders are dry and firm, frozen, or have bearing capacity to support the object being moved or the weight of other passing traffic.

D) Movement may be restricted to periods when the probability of precipitation is no more than 30 percent as predicted by the National Weather Service.

E) An earthen or crushed stone pad of a depth specified by the Permit Office may be required to protect the pavement.

F) Additional insurance or security may be required in accordance with Sections 554.108 or 554.905.

G) A special agreement between the permittee and the Department may be required to ensure all conditions are defined regarding the security and repair requirements as specified in Section 554.910b.

Section 554.611 Permit Axle Spacing Requirements

A) The spacing requirements for all overweight loaded routine and superload permits, as well as all towed routine permits, are as follows:

1) the spacing between the steer axle and the first axle on the tractor tandem may not be less than 8 feet 1 inch;

2) the spacing before the first axle of the trailer may not be less than 18 feet 6 inches; and

3) the sum of all axle spacing's must be at least 43 feet 6 inches.

B) All towed permits that do not meet these minimum spacing requirements will automatically be processed by the Department as a superload permit.

(Source: Added at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

SUBPART G: SPECIFIC POLICIES INDUSTRIAL HIGHWAY CROSSING

Section 554.701 Scope

A) Permits authorizing repeated moves of oversize and overweight vehicles and loads directly across a highway may be issued for a period of six months. The distinguishing features of these moves are that:

1) The moves must be repetitive, made directly across a highway, and made in course of industrial, construction, research, or testing activity;

2) The vehicles to be moved or utilized or the loads or objects to be transported need not be dismantled or disassembled; and

3) Both highway entrance permits and special vehicle permits may be required.

B) Permits forms are available from the Permit Office. For new crossing locations, it is necessary that the District Office be contacted for highway entrance permits, discussions on traffic control, and amount of security required.

Section 554.702 Data Required

The following data is requested on the application:

A) The exact location where the crossing is to be made;

B) A detailed description of the vehicles to be utilized in making the crossings and the material to be hauled;

Once all information requested is submitted the application is sent to the district for consideration and additional requirements may be added.

Section 554.703 Changes in Traffic Conditions

If subsequent to the original approval of the crossing and issuance of permits, traffic conditions warrant a reappraisal of the crossing operation, the permittee will be informed of any corrective action that must be taken. Should permittee fail to make these corrections, the movement permits may be canceled or upon expiration of existing permits no new permits will be issued until the corrective action has been taken.

Section 554.704 Aircraft

Aircraft or aircraft components in excess of legal limits may be moved over or across State highways by special permit. A permit will not normally be issued to tow an aircraft on its own wheels. The aircraft shall be loaded on a vehicle or combination of vehicles. No permits will be issued to authorize landing, takeoff, or taxiing, upon or across a State highway.

Section 554.705 Disabled Vehicles

A combination of vehicles, including a tow truck and a disabled vehicle or disabled combination of vehicles, which exceeds the legal length and/or weight limits may be operated on a highway under the following conditions (See Sections 15-107 and 15-111 of the Code):

A) Prior to towing, neither the disabled vehicle, disabled combination of vehicles, nor the tow truck shall individually exceed the legal length or weight limits. When overweight, the towing shall not exceed a distance of 20 miles from the initial point of wreck or disablement provided neither the tow truck nor the vehicle being towed shall exceed the following axle weight limits as prescribed by Section 15-301(n) of the Code:

Single rear axle – 26,000 pounds

2-axle rear tandem rear axle – 50,000 pounds

3-axle rear tandem rear axle − 60,000 pounds

B) Any additional movement of the disabled vehicles shall be under normal permit procedures (Section 554.306). Requests for the emergency movement of equipment when the Permit Office is closed will be considered under the provisions of Section 554.801.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.706 Implements of Husbandry

Sections 1-130, 11-1418, 15-101, and 15-102 of the Illinois Vehicle Code provide information and exemptions for the movement of implements of husbandry. (Form OPER 2279 provides transport rules (see Section 15-102(b)(2)(A) through (H) of the Code) for width exempt loads.). However, implements of husbandry may be barred from operation on controlled access highways when official signs prohibiting such operation are posted. An implement of husbandry by definition (see Section 1-130 of the Code) is a vehicle; therefore, for a farm tractor to be exempt, it must be used solely as an implement of husbandry in connection with farming operations.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.707 Road Testing of Vehicles or Equipment

The Department will not normally issue permits for road testing of any vehicles or equipment over State-controlled highways unless they have not yet been opened to traffic.

Section 554.708 Secret Files

Permits are not issued to private carriers for sealed overweight loads of government secret files. Such loads can be reduced to axle and gross weights within the legal limits. Should a vehicle be stopped for overweight, the carrier must have a representative of the proper governmental agency break the seal and remove the excess weight before the movement may proceed.

Section 554.709 Government Moves by Commercial Carriers

A) Occasionally, government shipments in excess of permit policy limits must be moved over the highways. Written certification in the form of a Letter of Essentiality as to the necessity of the movement stating that it is in the interest of national defense shall be obtained from the United States Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Transportation Engineering Agency at 757/878-7582.

B) Upon receipt of the application for permit, together with satisfactory certification as to the necessity for the movement from the Transportation Officer, the Permit Office will issue the permit.

C) When travel at night is authorized, an escort vehicle must accompany the movement.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

Section 554.710 Military Moves by Service Personnel

A) All movements by the Armed Forces and the National Guard must be in compliance with the size and weight limits contained in Sections 15-102, 15-103, 15-107, and 15-111 of the Code, unless an authorization has been issued by the Permit Office or an emergency has been officially declared by the President or Governor. In the event an official emergency is declared, telephone contact should be made with the Permit Office (217/782-6271) during regular office hours, or the Communications Center (217/782-2937) at other times, for assistance with the routing.

B) If it is necessary to move a vehicle or load that cannot be reasonably dismantled or disassembled and transported within the legal size and weight limits, an application for authorization to make the movement must be submitted to the Permit Office. Applications may be submitted for routine and superload permits via the internet. If the Permit Office determines the move can be made in safety without damaging the highway system, a no-cost authorization will be issued (Section 15-301 of the Code).

C) The Permit Office will review requests for routine military convoy movements that are submitted online and will issue permits to overweight vehicles and loads that are included. These authorizations do not relieve the Armed Forces or National Guard from overall responsibility for the convoy movement.

D) The branch of the Armed Forces or National Guard authorizing oversize or overweight moves without the approval of the Permit Office assumes full liability for accidents or damages that may be caused directly or indirectly by reason of the movements. While the driver is not subject to arrest, any unauthorized shipment found to be in violation of the legal size and weight limits shall not be allowed to proceed until the excess load is shifted or removed, or the Permit Office approves the movement.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13254, effective Aug 01, 2012)

SUBPART H: EMERGENCIES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Section 554.801 General

A) The Engineer of Operations through the Permit Office, or the Regional Engineer in the District in which the event occurs, may authorize emergency moves of vehicles, vehicle combinations, or loads that exceed the maximum legal dimension and weight limitations in a disaster area without a standard permit. Authorization may also be issued for the movement of State, local agency, or leased equipment for snow and ice removal without permit. However, normal permit requirements should be generally observed where practicable. During regular office hours, the Permit Office (217/782-6271) should be contacted for assistance in permit routing and coordinating the movement. When the Permit Office is closed, the Department's Communications Center (217/782-2937) will contact permit officials as needed and coordinate the movement.

B) For purposes of this Part, "disaster" includes flood, tornado, fire, or any other disaster that causes or threatens loss of life or destruction or damage to property of such a magnitude as to seriously endanger the public health, safety, and welfare or that causes or threatens to cause destruction or major damage to the highway or other transportation system. Emergency moves may be authorized:

1) when disaster is apparent,

2) during the disaster period, and

3) in the initial stages of recovery.

C) Following the emergency, such vehicles, vehicle combinations, or loads must be moved from the disaster area under permit authority.

D) For a load to be considered an Emergency move to the Permit Office there must be a threat to life, health or public safety. The Permit Office may also allow the movement of equipment that is needed to make emergency repairs to industrial installations and other facilities where delays would cause severe economic hardship. The Department considers a severe economic hardship to be whenever the company will have to lay off one or more shifts of employees or there is a potential loss of contracts or equipment worth several thousands of dollars.

E) Companies moving at least once a month on an emergency basis, and providing emergency services as a portion of their regular business, must have escort and lighting approval. The escort vehicles must comply with the requirements in Section 554.408 and the extremities of the load must be illuminated. An illuminated or reflectorized "Oversize Load" sign must be displayed on the front and rear of each load and escort vehicle. They must also establish an account with the Permit Office or use a MasterCard or VISA credit card for the payment of fees.

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Section 554.802 Mobile Home Emergency Moves

In the event an area has been declared a disaster area by the President or Governor, house trailers may be authorized to move into the area without a standard permit. The house trailers may not exceed 12 feet wide and 85 feet combination length. They must be owned by the victims of the disaster or otherwise be brought into the area for relief purposes. If the units are furnished by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the Permit Office will generally allow movement in conformance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) National Policy. However, the Permit Office may include additional restrictions in its authorization.

Section 554.803 Railroad Derailment Emergency Moves

Emergency moves of vehicles or loads to railroad derailments may be authorized for movement over State highways during periods when normal permits are restricted, provided:

A) There is a loss of life threatened, hazardous materials are involved, a mainline or other major line is blocked, and the Department is notified of the incident no more than six hours after it has occurred. If more than six hours have elapsed before the Department is advised, the situation is not generally considered to be of an emergency nature.

B) During normal working hours, the emergency services company must order a permit online at https://truckpermits.dot.illinois.gov and send a letter explaining the emergency request along with the permit number or reference number to dot.permitoffice@illinois.gov. If the incident occurs when the Permit Office is not open, the railroad representative and the requested emergency services company must order a permit online at https://truckpermits.dot.illinois.gov and contact the Department's Communications Center at 217/782-2937 within six hours after the time of occurrence to request the move and provide details, including the permit reference number given by the system. The required information that must normally be provided before authorization will be granted includes the exact location of the incident, the time of occurrence, the number of cars involved, an exact listing of the commodities contained in each car, the description of equipment needed, the origin and requested routing of the move. If loss of life is threatened or a highway is blocked, the Permit Office may waive the immediate need for some of this information.

C) After receipt and verification of the required information, the Department representative will check the requested routing to ensure it will safely accommodate the load. If the authorization is approved, a permit will then be issued and the Illinois State Police will be notified. The Department's Communications Center will also advise the State Emergency Management Agency of the incident and the commodities involved. In order to obtain an authorization for movement at night or on weekends, the permittee must have received prior Permit Office approval of their escort and emergency lighting protection or have approval from the Illinois State Police that they will escort the move.

D) Due to the physical capacity of the highways, the moves are limited 12 feet or less in width, 13 feet 6 inches or less in height, and do not exceed the practical maximum weights listed in Section 554.604.

E) That insofar as practicable, all safety precautions and operational conditions normally imposed by the Permit Office for special movement be observed.

F) If traveling conditions on the involved highways are considered hazardous due to weather, the Department will contact the Illinois State Police and, if necessary, hold the authorization until the highways are sufficiently clear to allow safe movement. While the provision may result in some delay, it is the Department's responsibility to ensure the presence of these oversize and overweight movements on the highway does not unduly endanger other motorists.

G) After release of the authorization, the permit fee needs to be paid for utilizing emergency service company's account or credit card payment.

H) Annual permits are available to move oversize or overweight equipment to the sites of train derailments and shall include all equipment otherwise eligible to obtain single trip permits under normal situations. Annual permits can be used at any time for movement to the site of a train derailment. (Section 15-308.1 of the Code)

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Section 554.804 Radioactive Materials

Permits may be issued for the movement of an overweight and/or overwidth container, empty or loaded, designed for transporting radioactive materials. The moves must conform to all applicable safety regulations. These moves are made under the same conditions and provisions as other overweight moves, except it is recommended they not be made in congested areas over critical highway facilities or during rush hour periods. Federal regulations may require routing around certain urban areas.

Section 554.805 Toxic, Gaseous, and Highly Explosive Materials

A) Toxic, gaseous, and highly explosive liquid or gaseous materials generally are transported in special vehicles that conform to legal dimensions and weights. Occasionally, such vehicles are found to be overweight and are stopped by the Illinois State Police as authorized by law. Under the law, the driver may not proceed until the weight has been reduced to legal proportions. Requiring the driver to remove part of the cargo to reduce the weight to legal limits may constitute a hazard endangering a large area.

B) Upon recommendations of the police and if determined feasible by engineering analysis, a special authorization concurrence may be issued:

1) Permitting the driver to proceed to the nearest point where suitable unloading facilities are available to remove the excess cargo; or

2) Permitting the driver to return to the point of origin in Illinois or to the point of entrance to the State.

Section 554.806 Livestock

Since confinement of livestock in a trailer for an extended period can result in death, the Permit Office may authorize/concur overweight loads of livestock to proceed subject to the following conditions:

A) The police recommend the load be allowed to proceed to a specified point for unloading the excess livestock, and

B) the routing is able to accommodate the excess weight.

Section 554.807 Disabled Vehicles

Limited continuous operation permits may be issued for the movement of oversize/overweight vehicles and combinations from disablement sites (see Section 15-301(n) of the Code), provided:

A) No single axle within a tandem exceeds 26,000 pounds.

B) No two axle tandem exceeds 50,000 pounds.

C) No three axle tandem exceeds 60,000 pounds.

D) The overall dimensions do not exceed 10 feet in width, 13 feet 6 inches in height and 115 feet in length and the overall height does not exceed 13 feet 6 inches. (NOTE: One civilian escort is required for loads that exceed 110 feet in length.)

E) Permitted movement is from disablement site to a point where repairs are actually to occur.

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SUBPART I: FEES

Section 554.901 Remittance

A) Payment for permit fees may be in the form of a certified check, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), a Visa or MasterCard credit card, or postal or telegraphic money order made payable to the "Treasurer, State of Illinois." Payments in currency must be made in person at the Permit Office, address noted in Section 554.306. Permit fees must be paid in advance of any permits being issued.

B) The Permit Office will charge a service fee of $30 for a check returned for any reason.

Section 554.902 Exemptions to the Requirement of Payment of Fees

The requirement for payment of fees shall not apply to vehicles owned and operated by the United States, this State, or any political subdivision or municipality of this State.

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Section 554.903 Permit Accounts

An applicant may establish an Escrow Account with the Permit Office. Applications are submitted on-line through the ITAP program.

A) Bonded Accounts

1) Bonded accounts established prior to 2011 will remain active as long as the established surety bond remains active. As of 2011, all accounts established with the permit office will be escrow accounts and will follow the guidelines established in section 554.903B.

2) The Permit Office will furnish billing statements every 30 days, providing there has been activity against the account that will show charges, payments, adjustments and the amount due. Payment in full is due within two weeks following the billing date. Any bills not paid within 30 calendar days from the date of the statement will result in the withholding of permits to the account holder until the delinquent amount is paid.

3) Upon request, the Permit Office will notify the account holder when the total amount due reaches an agreed warning limit.

4) The Permit Office may execute the surety bond to collect any unpaid balance. Issuance of permits will be withheld until payment in full is received. Once the surety bond has been executed, the applicant must establish an escrow account or present alternate payment for the issuance of all future permits.

B) The following conditions apply to Escrow Accounts.

1) Upon approval of the escrow account application the applicant will be given a confidential number that must be presented with each deposit to replenish the permit account. The applicant is responsible for all charges filed against the account.

2) An escrow account will remain open as long as there is a positive balance. The balance will be reduced by the fee amount for each permit issued.

3) Deposits to open an account must be made in multiples of $100.

4) The account holder may replenish his or her funds at any time.

5) The Permit Office will furnish monthly statements, providing there has been activity against the account that will show charges, deposits, adjustments, and the current prepaid amount remaining.

6) Upon request, the Permit Office will notify the account holder when the prepaid amount is reduced to an agreed warning limit.

7) An escrow account may be closed at any time and the unused balance processed for a refund. Closing of the account and requests for refunds must be in writing.

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Section 554.904 Refunds

A) Refunds may be made under the following circumstances:

1) The Permit Office has received an amount in excess of the required permit fee; or a duplicate payment has been determined for the same permit.

2) The permittee has mailed the permit and request for a refund to:

Illinois Department of Transportation, Permit Office

2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Room 117

Springfield, IL 62764

(NOTE: The envelope must be postmarked at least one day prior to the effective date of the permit or no refund will be approved.) A $50 handling fee for superload permits with any weight as well as, any fees incurred for a bridge analysis or district investigations will <u>not</u> be refunded; A $50 fee for all LCO's requesting a refund within the first two weeks after the effective date of the LCO will <u>not</u> be refunded.

3) The Permit Office has been notified, prior to the expiration date of the permit that unusual circumstances, which render a proposed move impractical or impossible, have developed. This must be substantiated, in writing, to the satisfaction of the Permit Office;

The permittee has notified the Permit Office of an overcharge on a permit; or

4) All permit refunds are considered by the permit unit chief.

5) The customer has closed his or her permit account.

B) Refunds, when authorized, will be processed in the following manner:

1. If an adjustment is made in a permit fee or a permit is cancelled, and the customer has an existing permit account, the refund will be shown as an adjustment to the account along with an appropriate note on the customer's invoice.

2. If an adjustment is made in a permit fee or a permit is cancelled and the customer has made payment with a Visa or MasterCard, the refund will be submitted as an reverse charge or credit to the customer's credit card utilized to make the initial permit payment. Receipts for credit card refunds will be available at the request of the customer.

3. Refunds of the unused balance of a closed permit account must be requested in writing. All charges for issued permits will be deducted prior to the approval of the refund. Closed permit account refunds will be made from funds appropriated to the Dept. to be utilized specifically for refunds and are processed through the Office of the Comptroller.

C) Customers will be notified in writing of the denial of all refunds regardless of payment type.

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Section 554.905 Security Requirements

If requested by the Permit Office before a permit is issued, the applicant will be required to secure an Irrevocable Letter of Credit or other designated form of security in favor of the Department in an amount sufficient to cover any damages to the highway system that may be caused by the proposed movement. The security will be retained until the damages are determined and repairs completed.

Section 554.906 Basis for Fees

Permit fees will be based upon the overall dimensions and weights of the vehicle or, combination of vehicles and the distance traveled on State highways. The amount of the fees is specified in Sections 15-302 through 15-313 of the Code.

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Section 554.907 Supplemental Permit Fees

The Permit Office shall collect a fee of $5 for each supplemental permit (one revision and/or one extension). In addition, if the supplemental permit provides for an increase in size, weight, or mileage, those additional fees will be charged. However, no credit can be given for fees paid if dimensions, weights, or mileages are reduced. A non-refundable handling fee of $50 is added for supplements to superload permits with weight and limited continuous operation permits.

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Section 554.909 Fees for Buildings and Special Moves

Fees for special permits for moving buildings or large machines.

A) *When moved on house moving equipment or on own trucks or tracks~~,~~ fees will be based on maximum overall dimensions, plus engineering investigation~~s~~ and Police escort fees when required; single trip only (see section 15-310a of the code).*

B) *When moved on a vehicle or vehicle combination applicable over dimension and overweight fees shall apply; single trip only (see section 15-310b of the code).*

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Section 554.910 Fee for Engineering Inspections (Bridge Analysis) and Field Investigations (District Investigations)

The following additional fees will be charged for engineering inspections (bridge analysis, pavement structural analysis and interim or final inspections for damages) and field investigations (District investigation and/or IDOT employee) by Department personnel that may be necessary due to the weight or size of the load.

A) For normal engineering inspection and investigations, all or a portion of the following:

1) Bridge structural analysis – $40 per hour plus computer costs.

2) Pavement structural analysis – $40 per hour.

3) District investigation of movement feasibility – $40 per IDOT District

4) IDOT employee accompanying the move – $40 per hour.

5) Interim or final inspection for damages – $40 per hour.

B) For unusually large movements that may require extensive analyses, inspections, and investigations by Department personnel, a written agreement will be executed by the applicant and the Department as to the extent of special charges. The following rates will be utilized unless otherwise stipulated.

1) Bridge structural analysis – $40 per hour.

2) Pavement structural analysis – $40 per hour.

3) District investigations of movement feasibility, – $40 per IDOT District.

4) IDOT employee accompanying the move, – $40 per hour.

5) Interim or final inspections, – $40 per hour.

6) Computer usage time will be at the rate charged to the Department by the Department of Central Management Services.

C) Fees for engineering services performed by personnel outside the Department shall be paid directly by the applicant.

Section 554.911 Fees for Illinois State Police Escorts

A) The following processing fees for the use of Illinois State Police escorts (see Section 15-312 of the Code) shall be paid by the applicant to the Permit Office: $80 per Illinois State Police District. To view the Illinois State Police district map go to http://www.isp.state.il.us/districts/districtfinder.cfm. The permittee must contact the Illinois State Police Central Headquarters at 217/782-6527 at least 24 hours in advance of any move that requires an Illinois State Police escort.

B) The Illinois State Police will charge an additional hourly fee for the use of their escorts.

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