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Elimination of Class III Truck Routes

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Effective January 1, 2020 Public Act 101-0328 changes the classification of truck routes in Illinois. The language of Public Act 101-0328 may be found [here](#).

Public Act 101-0328 was an effort to clean up and simplify truck route classifications. The following revisions will go into effect Jan. 1, 2020.

- * State Highway Class III will be eliminated
- * Local Highway Class III will be eliminated
- * Local Preferred Truck Routes will be eliminated
- State and Local Class II will be combined
- State and Local Non-Designated will be combined

- * These classifications will all become Non-Designated

As a result, there are three (3) different classifications remaining:

Class I (Interstates, expressways, tollways)
Class II (State and Local Designated highways with at least 11 ft. lanes)
Non-Designated (all other State and Local highways)

Prior to this change, the Illinois Vehicle Code (IVC) defined roadways in eight (8) different classifications:

State Highway Class I (Interstates, expressways, tollways)
State Highway Class II (Major arterials with at least 11 ft lanes)
State Highway Class III (Highways with lane widths less than 11 ft)
State Highway Non-Designated (Highways not designated as Class I, II or III)
Local Highway Class II (Major arterials with at least 11 ft lanes)
Local Highway Class III (Highways with lane widths less than 11 ft)
Local Highway Non-Designated (Highways not designated as Class I, II or III)
Locally Preferred Truck Routes

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These different classifications were established to create different length limitation and distance travelled allowances for Tractor Semi-Trailer vehicles (TST). In 2017, the maximum length values in [625 ILCS 5/15-107](#) were revised to allow 65 ft. TST overall lengths on all Class III, State and Local Non-Designated, and Local Preferred Truck Routes. This created the same allowances for Class III State and Local highways, State and Local Non-Designated highways, and Local Preferred Truck Routes.

After January 1, 2020 there is only be one designated local highway classification, Class II. Class II and Class III Truck Route signing is no longer required. The following Illinois standard signs will be made Historical: R5-I101, R5-I102, R5-I102a, and R5-I103. The Illinois Supplement to the National Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices has been revised accordingly effective Jan. 1, 2020. Local public agencies should remove Class II and Class III signage

The statute requires local agencies report all Class II Truck Routes to the department, so this information may be posted on the department's website. If a local public agency does not designate any Class II routes, they shall also report this to the Department. [BLRS Form 03210](#) shall be used for this reporting.

In addition, local public agencies should report any ordinances or resolutions prohibiting the operation of vehicles on their non-designated highway system. This information will be posted on the department's website to allow TST drivers to know which roads they are prohibited from driving.

The revised statutes have also adjusted distance allowances for TSTs when travelling from designated to non-designated routes.

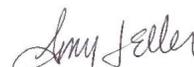
For TST exceeding 65' overall length, the 1 mile and 5 mile rules provide additional access. TST will be able to travel from a Class I or II highway onto any non-designated highway for a distance of five (5) highway miles for the purpose of loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest if there is no sign prohibiting their access and if the route is not being used as a thoroughfare between designated highways. Local public agencies will need to continue to pass ordinances or resolutions and install applicable signing where they wish to prohibit TSTs on roadways under their jurisdiction.

Questions regarding this circular letter may be directed to the Local Policy Unit by email at dot.localpolicy@illinois.gov.

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