

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 **Legislative Document**

No. 1815

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7 S. P. 757 In Senate, January 13, 1982
8 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to
Joint Rule 26.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence. Ordered sent forthwith.

9 MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate
10 Presented by Senator Emerson of Penobscot.

11 Cosponsor: Representative Carroll of Limerick.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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17 AN ACT to Retain Weight Tolerance for
18 Certain Vehicles Under the Motor Vehicle Law.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

21 29 MRSA §1655, first ¶, first sentence, as last amended
22 by PL 1981, c. 73 and c. 437, §21 is repealed and the fol-
23 lowing enacted in its place:

24 The operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded
25 entirely with bark, sawdust, firewood, sawed lumber, dimen-
26 sion lumber, pulpwood, wood chips, logs, soils,
27 unconsolidated rock materials including limestone, bolts,
28 farm produce, road salt, manufacturer's concrete products,
29 building materials which absorb moisture during delivery
30 originating and terminating within the State, or dump
31 trucks, tractor dump trucks or transit-mix concrete trucks
32 carrying highway construction materials; or any vehicle

1 loaded with a majority of products requiring refrigera-
2 tion, whether by ice or mechanical equipment, and on such
3 vehicles when inspected by the Maine State Police, the
4 number of the seal shall be recorded and the number of the
5 new seal shall be recorded by the Maine State Police, the
6 operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded with raw ore
7 from mine or quarry to place of processing shall not be
8 deemed to be in violation if the gross weight of such vehi-
9 cle does not exceed 110% of the maximum gross weight for
10 which such vehicle is then registered, nor 110% of the maxi-
11 mum gross weight permitted for such vehicle by section 1652,
12 and provided that the maximum axle loads for these vehicles
13 do not exceed 24,200 pounds for a single axle unit, 46,000
14 pounds for a tandem axle unit and 54,000 pounds for a
15 tri-axle unit, except that 64,000 pounds shall be permitted
16 on the tri-axle unit of a 4-axle motor vehicle hauling
17 forest products until November 1, 1983.

18 Statement of Fact

19 This bill seeks to retain the weight tolerance for cer-
20 tain vehicles by amending the Tri-axle Truck Weight Law of
21 the Motor Vehicle Code.