

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 798

House of Representatives, March 5, 2019

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**An Act To Allow a Wrecker To Transport the Number of Vehicles  
Authorized by Manufacturer Specifications for the Wrecker**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Handwritten signature of Robert B. Hunt in cursive.

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield.  
Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and  
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BRENNAN of Portland, DODGE of Belfast,  
DRINKWATER of Milford, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FECTEAU of Augusta, TUELL of  
East Machias, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§93**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 165, §2, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **93. Wrecker.** "Wrecker" means a motor vehicle with hoisting apparatus and special  
5 equipment designed and used for towing or carrying wrecked or disabled vehicles or  
6 freeing vehicles stalled or stuck in snow, mud or sand, when such a motor vehicle in fact  
7 is being used for one of those purposes. ~~"Wrecker" does not include a vehicle designed to~~  
8 ~~carry or tow more than 2 vehicles on its own body.~~

9 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2093** is enacted to read:

10 **§2093. Wreckers**

11 A wrecker may not carry or tow more vehicles than allowed by the manufacturer  
12 specifications for that wrecker.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 Current law provides that "wrecker" does not include a vehicle designed to carry or  
15 tow more than 2 vehicles on its own body. This bill strikes that language and provides  
16 that a wrecker may not carry or tow more vehicles than allowed by the manufacturer  
17 specifications for that wrecker.