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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

129TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 460, L.D. 1498, Bill, "An Act To Provide Equity for Commercial Vehicles on Roads and Bridges in Maine"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2354-C, sub-§1, first ¶, as amended by PL 2015, c. 119, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

1. Canadian gross vehicle weight limits. Notwithstanding section 2354, except as provided in subsection 5, the Commissioner of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and the Department of the Secretary of State, is authorized to allow certain commercial vehicles at Canadian gross vehicle weight limits to travel from the United States-Canada border at Calais to Baileyville, from the United States-Canada border at Madawaska to a paper mill at Madawaska and from the United States-Canada border at Van Buren to a rail yard in Van Buren. Vehicles are allowed to travel from the United States-Canada border under the following conditions.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2354-C, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 326, §2, is amended to read:

4. Monitor; report. The Department of Transportation shall monitor and evaluate the effects of the allowance under this section on road conditions. The Commissioner of Transportation shall submit an initial a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature and a final report to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by January 1, 2024. The report must include any findings regarding the effects on road conditions and recommendations for continuance, discontinuance or modification of the allowance under this section. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters may submit legislation based on the findings and recommendations in the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2354-C, sub-§5 is enacted to read:



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An Act To Provide Equity for Commercial Vehicles on Roads and Bridges in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"(S-428)

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Transportation associated with performing the evaluation and reporting the results can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.