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STATE OF MAINE

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PUBLIC LAWS
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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

29 MRSA §1652, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 1979, c. 174, is further amended to read:

B. No vehicle ~~shall~~ may be operated, or caused to be operated, with a gross weight exceeding ~~22,000~~ 22,400 pounds on a single axle unit, 38,000 pounds on a tandem axle unit or 48,000 pounds on a tri-axle unit, specifically excepting the Interstate Highway System as defined in the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956, where the single axle limit shall be 22,000 pounds and the tandem axle unit limit shall be 34,000 pounds; and provided that:

(1) Nothing contained in section 1655 ~~shall~~ may permit an axle or tandem axle weight on the Interstate Highway System as defined in the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956 in excess of the limits established for ~~such~~ the system in this section;

(2) No single axle of a tandem axle unit ~~shall~~ may support more than 60% of the total weight supported by ~~such~~ that tandem axle unit. It shall not be deemed a violation of this subparagraph if neither axle of a tandem axle unit exceeds the weight legally allowed on a single axle unit of that vehicle;

(3) No single axle of a tri-axle unit ~~shall~~ may support more than 40% of the total weight supported by ~~such~~ that tri-axle unit; and

(4) The gross weight of a vehicle shall not be increased by the addition of a trailing axle, so called, unless ~~such~~ that axle supports at least 50% of the added weight permitted by the addition of ~~such~~ that trailing axle.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 265

S.P. 163 - L.D. 451

AN ACT Amending the Display of Registration Plates for Truck Tractors.

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

29 MRSA §246, as amended by PL 1981, c. 492, Pt. A, §5, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Only one registration plate shall be issued to a truck tractor and that plate shall be displayed on the front of that vehicle.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 266

S.P. 343 - L.D. 1017

AN ACT Relating to the Investment of Funds in Litigation.

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

23 MRSA §158, as amended by PL 1981, c. 470, Pt. A, §131, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§158. Withdrawal of money deposited

If the department or any party named in an award has duly taken an appeal from an award of the State Claims Board in accordance with section 157 and the amount of the award has been paid in to the clerk of courts for the county in which the land is situated, the department or any party named in the award may petition the Superior Court in that county for investment in a certificate of deposit or other secure high interest fund of all or any part of the funds thus deposited. Upon that petition, the court may order all or any part of the funds thus deposited to be invested forthwith in the name of the clerk of courts or his successor or authorized representative without prejudice to the petitioner's right to have the amount of compensation adjudicated in the appeal pending.

Effective September 23, 1983.
