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1140 AN ACT TO SUSPEND OPERATION Higgins,L. OTP
AUTHORITY ON MOTOR VEHICLES WHICH
FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE GASOLINE
REPORTING LAW

SUMMARY: LD 1140 provided that when any driver of a motor carrier failed to pay gasoline, diesel, and special fuel taxes, the State Tax Assessor would report this non-compliance with the law to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State would be empowered to suspend the registrations of the vehicles of the carrier in violation of the law. The Committee reported the bill out in new draft, LD 1576, for several reasons. Under tax law, the driver of the vehicle, unless the owner, is not responsible for the payment of taxes. In addition, the Highway Allocation Act changes the chapter with respect to Special Fuel Taxes.

LD 1576 authorized the Secretary of State to suspend all the vehicles registrations & fuel use decals of any motor carrier for failure on the part of the person responsible to pay the taxes required. A hearing provision was also included.

1160 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN MOTOR Carroll,G. ENACT. PL 314
VEHICLE TITLE LAWS OF THE STATE

1161 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR VOLUNTARY Carroll,G. ENACT. PL 124
INSPECTION OF TRAILERS AND SEMI-
TRAILERS UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLE
LAWS

SUMMARY: LD 1161 is the result of the activities of the Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies which enforce the law requiring inspection of trailers. Pennsylvania honors the inspection certificates of other states. Maine, however, does not require semi-trailers to be inspected. As a result, the Maine carriers and those carriers whose semi-trailers and trailers are registered in Maine have been detained by Pennsylvania authorities at significant costs to the carriers. The bill provides for a voluntary inspection program for semi-trailers and trailers. Official inspection stations may opt to provide annual inspections of semi-trailers and trailers at a fee not to exceed the hourly labor charge of the inspection station. Only qualified truck mechanics may inspect these vehicles.

1176 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A DIRECTIONAL Hichens ONTP
SIGN ON INTERSTATE 95 AT THE END OF
THE PISCATAQUA RIVER BRIDGE
INDICATING YORK AND OGUNQUIT EXIT

1188 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN MOTOR Carroll,G. OTP IN ND LD
VEHICLE LAWS 1686
ENACTED PL 455

SUMMARY: See LD 1686.