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Gordon D. Briggs, Esquire  
45 State Street  
Bangor, Maine

Dear Gordon:

Every department of State government operates with the idea in mind that 40,000 pounds is the maximum weight allowed for trucks. The maximum gross weight permitted to a truck having two axles would be 27,000 pounds. The only way the maximum gross weight can be increased above that figure is by the use of additional axles, and the so-called ten-wheelers, or trucks with three axles and eight rear wheels, can weigh 40,500 pounds under the provisions of Section 56, plus some adjustments for over-load as provided in section 110 of Chapter 29; so that, apparently, under the above provisions a truck might weigh more than 40,000 pounds. However, the limit for registration is, as you stated, set at 40,000 pounds, and this amount is considered the maximum.

Harold told me some days ago that he was coming in to talk about chauffeur licenses, and I should be very glad to get his ideas on that subject as there is considerable discussion about this matter.

I had a letter a few days ago from Mr. Chapman, Proprietor of the Bangor House, stating that he had reserved a double room for me for the Convention. I appreciate your help and shall be pleased to see you.

Very truly yours,

Francis U. Burkett  
Attorney General

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