

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 1 FY 94/95  
DATE August 3, 1994

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE  
ON MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY LAWS

WHEREAS, there has been a number of tragic, fatal motor vehicle accidents in recent months on Maine roadways caused by commercial truck drivers who have lost control of their vehicles because they were overtired, and

WHEREAS, these accidents have raised significant public concern about safety and discipline in the commercial trucking industry, the resources available to State law enforcement officials for enforcement of existing motor carrier safety law, and the effectiveness of the current regulatory scheme governing motor carrier safety, and

WHEREAS, motor carrier safety, and overtired operators in particular, have become problems jeopardizing the health and safety of citizens on Maine's highways,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the Governor's Task Force on Motor Carrier Safety Laws.

Membership

The membership shall include:

- Andrew B. MacLean, Assistant Legal Counsel, Office of the Governor;
- Col. Alfred R. Skolfield, Chief of the Maine State Police;
- Lt. Harlan Pierson, Director of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement for the Maine State Police;
- Dana Connors, Commissioner, Maine Department of Transportation;
- Alden Small, Deputy Commissioner, Maine Department of Transportation;
- State Representative William Lemke of Westbrook;
- State Representative Joan M. Pendexter of Scarborough, Chairperson of the Maine Highway Safety Commission;

•Donna Morgan and Daphne Izer of Lisbon Falls, Chairperson and Secretary of Parents Against Tired Truckers (PATT);

•representatives of the Maine Motor Transport Association;

•representatives of the Maine Oil Dealers Association; and

•representatives of the Maine Professional Drivers Association.

Col. Skolfield shall serve as Chair of the Task Force at the Governor's pleasure.

#### Terms of Membership

Members serve at the Governor's pleasure. The Task Force will continue so long as the Governor deems it necessary.

#### Functions and Duties

1. Review and critique the current state and federal law governing motor carrier safety for its effectiveness in maintaining safe highways in Maine.

2. Make recommendations to the Governor, the Maine Legislature, and Maine's Congressional Delegation for changes in motor carrier safety law to improve safety on Maine's highways.

3. Review available data on driver fatigue and the relationship of this factor to traffic accidents.

4. Review Maine's enforcement of current motor carrier safety law and recommend to the Governor areas for improvement.

5. Review, evaluate, and revise proposed legislation from Maine legislators, and take a Task Force position on any final proposal.

#### Administration

The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation will provide staff support and assume any costs of the Task Force.

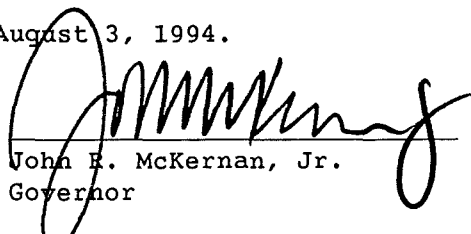
#### Meetings

The Task Force shall meet as frequently as necessary upon the call of the Chair. The Chair has the authority to form subgroups of the Task Force which may meet independently, but report back to the Task Force.

#### Compensation

Public members of the Task Force shall be entitled to compensation for reasonable expenses.

The effective date of this order is August 3, 1994.

  
John R. McKernan, Jr.  
Governor