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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 560, L.D. 757, Bill, "An Act Permitting
Certain Commercial Vehicles to Exceed Weight Limits."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the last line
of the table, which reads "31 and over50,000 60,000"
and inserting in place thereof the following:

"provided,~~-however,~~ that no vehicle shall have a gross weight imparted
to any road surface of more than 22,000 pounds on any one axle, and
no vehicle having 2 or more axles less than 8 feet apart shall be
operated, or caused to be operated, with more than 18,000 pounds im-
parted to the road surface from either axle or 32,000 pounds from both
axles; provided further, that no vehicle shall be so operated, or
caused to be operated, when the load imparted to the road surface is
greater than 600 pounds per inch width tire, manufacturer's rating;
~~except,-however,~~ that 3-axle trucks with brakes on the wheels of all
axles hauling forest products may be operated for a gross weight of
48,000 pounds with a distance between the extreme axles of not less
than ~~18~~ 16 feet, and ~~except further~~ that vehicles having 3 or more
axles with brakes on the wheels of all axles hauling forest products
may be operated with gross and axle weights up to 15% in excess of the
limits allowed for similar vehicles in this section during the months
of December, January and February, such gross weight not to exceed the
maximum gross weight allowable for 4-axle vehicles under this section
plus tolerances provided for in section 111-A, provided that all
vehicles must be registered for the actual gross under which they are
being operated less allowable tolerance from section 111-A and provided
that vehicles so operated must have a manufacturer's rating of at least
5 tons and a manufacturer's certificate on file with the Secretary of

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State attesting to the manufacturer's rating for the specific truck being registered, and except that 3 axle trucks with brakes on the wheels of all axles hauling construction materials may be operated for a gross weight of 48,000 pounds with a distance between the extreme axles of not less than 16 feet and except that a tolerance of 15% throughout the year be allowed and this tolerance shall be a gross weight of 55,200 pounds, provided the gross weight shall be modified to the requirements of the Bureau of Public Roads when they are made available to the Highway Commission and these conditions shall be equitable with the other New England states. A tire size of at least 11 x 20 or 22 shall be used in this tolerance. ~~in~~ In special cases, special permits for transportation of individual shipments in loads of greater gross weights may be granted by the State Highway Commission or such appropriate commission or official as is duly authorized elsewhere in this chapter. All trucks with 4 or more axles shall have adequate brakes on the wheels of all axles.' "

Filed by Senator STANLEY of PENOBSCOT.

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