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ONE - HUNDRETH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 26, 1961

Referred to the Committee on Transportation, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Morrill of Harrison.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Weight of Commercial Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 36, amended. The first paragraph of section 36 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 18 of the public laws of 1955 and by section 3 of chapter 309 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended to read as follows:

'No person shall operate, or cause to be operated, any truck, tractor, trailer or combination of truck tractor and semi-trailer, with a gross weight that is more than 10% above that specified in the registration certificate for such vehicle for trucks of gross weight of not over 15,000 pounds and 5% for trucks of gross weight of over 15,000 pounds; provided, however, that no motor vehicle of either a single unit or combined unit shall be operated on the highway with a gross weight that exceeds ~~60,000~~ 73,280 pounds.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 109, repealed and replaced. Section 109 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 309 of the public laws of 1957, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'**Sec. 109. Weight of commercial vehicles limited.** No motor truck, trailer, tractor, combination of truck tractor and semi-trailer, or other commercial vehicle shall be operated, or caused to be operated, on or over any way or bridge when the gross weight, actual weight of vehicle and load, exceeds 73,280 pounds. No vehicle having 2 axles shall be so operated, or caused to be operated, when the gross weight exceeds 32,000 pounds, no vehicle having 3 axles shall be so operated, or caused to be operated, when the gross weight exceeds 60,750 pounds and no vehicle having 4 or more axles shall be so operated, or caused to be oper-

ated, when the gross weight exceeds 72,000 pounds. The operation of the vehicle shall be prima facie evidence that said operation was caused by the person, firm or corporation holding the permit or certificate for said vehicle from the Public Utilities Commission.

Two or more axles less than 4 feet apart shall be considered as one axle and no group of axles shall carry a load in pounds in excess of the value given in the following table corresponding to the distance in feet between the extreme axles of the group, measured longitudinally to the nearest foot:

Distance in feet between the extremes of any group of axles	Maximum load in pounds carried on any group of axles		
	3 axle vehicles	4 axle vehicles	5 axle vehicles
4 to 7	32,000		
8	40,000		
9	40,750		
10	41,500		
11	42,250		
12	43,000	48,000	
13	43,750	48,667	
14	44,500	49,334	
15	45,250	50,000	
16	46,000	50,667	56,000
17	46,750	51,334	56,625
18	47,500	52,001	57,250
19	48,250	52,668	57,875
20	49,000	53,333	58,500
21	49,750	54,000	59,125
22	50,500	54,667	59,750
23	51,250	55,334	60,375
24	52,000	56,000	61,000
25	52,750	56,667	61,625
26	53,500	57,334	62,250
27	54,250	58,001	62,875
28	55,000	58,667	63,500
29	55,750	59,334	64,125
30	56,500	60,001	64,750
31	57,250	60,668	65,375
32	58,000	61,333	66,000
33	58,750	62,222	66,833
34	59,500	63,111	67,666
36	60,750	64,000	68,500
37		64,667	69,125
38		65,334	69,750
39		66,011	70,375
40		66,667	71,000
41		67,334	71,625

42	68,001	72,250
43	68,668	72,875
44	69,333	73,280
45	70,000	
46	70,667	
47	71,334	
48	72,000	

provided, 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 imparted to the road surface from either axle or 32,000 pounds from both axles; provided further than 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 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 feet, 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 in special cases, special permits for the 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.'