

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 279

H. P. 211

House of Representatives, January 19, 1965

Referred to Committee on Highways. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Anderson of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Relating to Permits by Highway Commission for Trucks in
Construction Areas.**

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

R. S., T. 29, § 1703, amended. Section 1703 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding after the 3rd paragraph, the following new paragraphs:

‘The State Highway Commission shall lay out “construction areas” in all highway contracts under its jurisdiction and control. The “construction area” shall consist of the road under construction plus all roads over which the material used in the road project has to be transported from pits, plants and terminals where the material originates. The state engineer in charge of the construction shall issue permits in accordance with the following detailed specifications. Two-axle trucks shall haul up to 46,000 pounds and 3-axle trucks, dump trailers and ready mix cement trucks up to 60,000 pounds gross, including truck and load. All trucks must be registered for the load they carry, in the “construction areas.” Only over registration maximum shall be considered a weight violation. Mud flaps shall not be mandatory in “construction areas.” The contractor shall be responsible for all over maximum registration weight violations. Bridges in the “construction area” which are not constructed to carry the additional weight granted in the permit shall be reinforced or the material for the road construction shall be rerouted over roads where bridges are adequate for the load.

The following specifications shall qualify trucks to haul specific loads:

2-axle trucks	Bodies	Minimum rear axle cap.	Minimum Tires	Maximum Registration
	4 yard cap.	15,000 lbs.	8.25	29,000 lbs.
	5 " "	17,000 "	9.00	32,000 "
	6 " "	18,500 "	9.00	35,000 "
	7 " "	18,500 "	10.00	38,000 "
	8 " "	22,000 "	10.00	42,000 "
	10 " "	23,000 "	10.00	46,000 "
3-axle dump trucks and redi-mix trucks (Gross weight only)	8 " "	30,000 "	9.00	46,000 "
	10 " "	34,000 "	10.00	50,000 "
	12 " "	38,000 "	10.00	55,000 "
3-axle trucks	14 " "	42,000 "	10.00	60,000 "
3-axle dump trailers and 2-axle tractors	14 " "	23,000 "	10.00	60,000 "
4-axle dump trailers	16 " "	34,000 "	10.00	70,000 "
5-axle dump	18 " "	38,000 "	10.00	80,000 "

The State Highway Commission shall issue permits for one year duration to contractors to cover moves within 50 miles of their place of business for construction units not weighing over 80,000 pounds on pneumatic tires and self-propelled, and 3-axle lowbed trailers. Four-axle lowbed trailers shall not exceed 100,000 pounds and shall not exceed 12 feet in width. The fee under this paragraph shall be \$100.

The State Highway Commission shall reinsert the special provision governing wages and working conditions for dump trucks contained in all road contracts made from 1934 to 1943 and which were removed from all future contracts. This reinserted provision shall contain all basic wage and working conditions contained in the original provision through all body capacities used on the project. This provision shall apply to all trucks employed by the State Highway Commission, except patrol trucks which work exclusively on patrol work. When trucks working on maintenance haul over the road or work under power equipment, the special provision rate shall apply.'