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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 547

House of Representatives, February 9, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dyar of Strong.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Relating to Weight for Commercial Vehicles Hauling Forest
Products or Raw Ore.**

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

R. S., T. 29, § 1652, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 1652 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 57 of chapter 513 of the public laws of 1965 and as amended by section 1 of chapter 331 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

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	32,610		
9	33,580		
10	34,550		
11	35,510		
12	36,470		
13	37,420		
14	38,360	45,900	
15	39,300	46,750	
16	40,230	47,600	

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
17	41,160	48,450	
18	42,080	49,300	51,100
19	42,990	50,150	52,050
20	43,900	51,000	53,000
21	44,800	51,850	53,950
22	45,700	52,700	54,900
23	46,590	53,550	55,850
24	47,470	54,400	56,800
25	48,350	55,250	57,750
26	49,220	56,100	58,700
27	50,090	56,950	59,650
28	50,950	57,800	60,600
29	51,800	58,650	61,550
30		59,500	62,500
31		60,350	63,450
32		61,200	64,400
33		62,050	65,350
34		62,900	66,300
35		63,750	67,250
36		64,600	68,200
37		65,450	69,150
38		66,300	70,100
39			70,550
40			73,280

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 36,000 pounds from both axles, specifically excepting the Interstate Highway System as defined in the Federal Highway Act of 1956 and vehicles operating on said Interstate Highway System shall not exceed 32,000 pounds imparted 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 that 3-axle straight trucks with brakes on the wheels of all axles may be operated for a gross weight of 46,000 pounds with a distance between the extreme axles of not less than 16 feet, specifically excepting, however, the Interstate Highway System as defined in the Federal Highway Act of 1956; except that 3-axle trucks with brakes on the wheels of all axles hauling forest products, or raw ore from mine or quarry to place of processing may be operated for a gross weight of ~~48,000~~ 60,000 pounds with a distance between the extreme axles of not less than 18 feet, and except further that ~~3-axle trucks with 2 rear axles driven and with brakes on wheels of all axles, hauling forest products, or raw ore from mine or quarry to place of processing~~

may be operated upon the payment of an additional license fee of \$25 per calendar month, or fraction thereof, for any of the months of December, January or February at 15% in excess of the maximum gross weight permitted and that tractor trailer combinations hauling forest products, or raw ore from mine or quarry to place of processing may be operated upon the payment of an additional fee of \$25 per calendar month, or fraction thereof, for any of the months of December, January or February at 15% in excess of the maximum gross and axle weights permitted 4 axles may be permitted to carry a gross weight of 80,000 pounds and 5 axles may be permitted to carry a gross weight of 90,000 pounds, not, however, permitting, validating or in any way applying to the use of the Interstate System as defined in the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956 by vehicles with weights carried on any one axle, tandem axle weights or overall gross weight or with width in excess of the applicable maximum weights or maximum widths permitted by section 108 (j) of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956 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 officials as is duly authorized elsewhere in this Title. All trucks and combinations of truck tractor and semitrailer with 4 or more axles shall have adequate brakes on the wheels of all axles; except that this sentence shall not apply if the vehicle is in compliance with Interstate Commerce Commission safety regulations.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this Act to establish realistic weights for commercial vehicles hauling forest products or raw ore with various axles and to repeal additional license fees.