

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 971

H. P. 726

House of Representatives, February 18, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lee of Albion.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Weight Tolerance for Vehicles Loaded with Road Salt.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 1655, amended. The first sentence of section 1655 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

The operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded entirely with firewood, sawed lumber, dimension lumber, pulpwood, wood chips, logs, soils, unconsolidated rock materials or bolts or loaded entirely with farm produce or **loaded entirely with road salt** or loaded with manufacturers' concrete products or building materials which absorb moisture during delivery originating and terminating within the State or dump trucks, tractor dump trucks or transist-mix concrete trucks carrying highway construction materials or the operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded with any products requiring refrigeration, whether by ice or mechanical equipment, or the operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded with raw ore from mine or quarry to place of processing, shall not be deemed to be in violation of any of the provisions of sections 246, 1652 to 1654 and 1656 relating to weights of vehicles, weights of loads, tonnages or overloads if the gross weight of such vehicle and its load does not exceed 110% of the maximum gross weight for which such vehicle is then registered nor 110% of the maximum gross weight permitted for such vehicle by section 1652, and if the weight thereof imparted to any road surface by an axle or axles does not exceed 110% of the maximum axle weight permitted therefor by section 1652; provided that no vehicle loaded as aforesaid shall be deemed in violation of the above said sections if, as to each axle, the weight imparted to any road surface is not greater than the combined total of 600 pounds per inch width tire, manufacturer's rating, of all tires attached

to such axle and provided further that the maximum gross vehicle weight shall not exceed the limits and tolerances established in this Title.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide weight tolerance for vehicles loaded with road salt as the present law does for vehicles loaded with lumber, building materials, etc.