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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 831

House of Representatives, February 23, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stillings of Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT to Clarify the Law Relating to Height and Width Restrictions for
Motor Vehicles.**

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

R. S., T. 29, § 1701, amended. Section 1701 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 44 of chapter 360 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 1701. Height and width restrictions

No vehicle which, with or without load, is wider than 102 inches over all shall be operated upon any way or bridge; specifically excepting the Interstate Highway System as defined in the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956; vehicles operating on said Interstate Highway System shall not exceed 96 inches in width; except that vehicles hauling firewood, pulpwood, logs or bolts may be operated on any way or bridge said Interstate System if the width of the vehicle or load does not exceed 102 inches. In those cases in which firewood, pulpwood or bolts is piled in tiers from the front to rear of the body of a vehicle, a strip of wood or metal 3 inches thick shall extend along the sides of the platform, from front to rear, securely fastened to the platform of the vehicle in order that the load shall pitch to the center of said vehicle, except that such vehicles hauling pulpwood, logs or bolts may substitute for this 3-inch strip, 2 chain, wire rope or steel cable binders. Said chains or wire ropes or steel cables shall be made of not less than $\frac{3}{8}$ inch wire and said chains or wire ropes or steel cables shall be held firmly in place and properly spaced to secure the load. Each vehicle so loaded shall carry a solid-boarded tailboard or 5 stakes evenly spaced of sufficient strength to maintain the weight of the load, and such load at no place along its length

shall be higher than ~~the~~ **such** tailboard or stakes. No vehicle any structural part of which, permanent or temporary, is more than 13 feet 6 inches in height, measured vertically from a plane and level surface of ground or pavement shall be operated upon any way or bridge. The load on any vehicle may extend 6 inches above the maximum permissible structural height of such vehicle. No ~~such~~ vehicle shall be operated over any section of **a way or bridge** which does not afford adequate structural overhead clearance. No portion of any ~~such~~ vehicle or load, except the reflecting mirror required by this Title, shall project beyond the side of such vehicle to make a total width greater than herein specified. This section shall not apply to snow plows and equipment used exclusively for the removal of snow **from public ways** or to construction equipment the uses of which are confined to the limits of highway and bridge construction projects. This section shall not be construed as limiting the width of a load of loose hay, pea vines or cornstalks.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the meaning of the existing law.