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HOUSE AMENDMENT "D " to H. P. 2060, L. D. 2592,
Bill, "AN ACT to Change Weights and Related
Provisions for Commercial Vehicles."

Amend said Bill in section 2 in that part
designated subsection 2 by striking out in
the last 3 lines (same in L.D.) the following:
'and except when a load consists of forest
products, the load and vehicle combination
shall not exceed 65 feet overall'

Further amend said Bill in section 5 in
that part designated "§1652." by striking
out all of subsection 2 and inserting in place
thereof the following:

'2. Notwithstanding any other provisions
of this Title, as amended, or as may be
subsequently amended, beginning with the 1975
model year, no motor vehicle and in the case of
combination type vehicles, beginning with the
1975 registration year, no trailer or semitrailer
shall be registered, operated or caused to be
operated, for a gross weight that exceeds
the gross weights as certified by the manufacturer.
Only a manufacturer of a vehicle chassis that meets
federal standards as they apply to new vehicles
or their franchised dealer shall be authorized
to certify the gross vehicle weight of a
vehicle. Proof of such certified gross vehicle
weight shall be permanently affixed to the
vehicle or carried in or about the vehicle
and displayed on demand of any police officer
and such evidence of a certified gross
vehicle weight shall contain the vehicle
identification number to which it applies.'

Further amend said Bill in section 5 by
striking out in the 4th line of subsection 4
(3rd line in L. D.) the underlined words
"and trailer" and inserting in place thereof
the underlined words 'or trailer'

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Further amend said Bill by inserting at end of section 5 the following:

'9. 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.'

Further amend said Bill in section 7 by striking out in the 6th line (5th line in L.D.) the underlined words "and full trailer" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'or full trailer'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to delete the provisions relating to 65 feet and to include manufacturer's certification provisions in the bill relating to motor truck weights and related provisions. It also clarifies the bill by removing any possible reference to the so-called double bottoms and reinstates the language in the law imposing liability upon the person, firm or corporation holding a permit from the Public Utilities Commission.

Filed by Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater.

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