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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
107TH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE AMENDMENT" E "to H.P. 1223, L.D. 1211, Bill, "AN ACT to Change Weights and Related Provisions for Commercial Vehicles."

Amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out in the last and next to the last lines (last line in L.D.) the underlined words "provided that said fine shall not exceed \$1,000"

Further amend said Bill in section 4 by striking out in subsection 1, all of the first 2 sentences of paragraph A and inserting in place thereof the following:

'No vehicle or combination of vehicles shall be operated, or caused to be operated, on or over any way or bridge when the gross weight, actual weight of vehicle and load, exceeds 80,000 pounds. No vehicles having 2 axles shall be so operated, or caused to be operated, when the gross weight exceeds 34,000 pounds; no vehicle or combination of vehicles having 3 axles shall be so operated, or caused to be operated, when the gross weight exceeds 54,000 pounds; no vehicle or combination of vehicles having 4 axles shall be so operated, or caused to be operated, when the gross weight exceeds 69,000 pounds; no vehicle or combination of vehicles having 5 or more axles shall be so operated, or caused to be operated, when the gross weight exceeds 80,000 pounds.'

Further amend said Bill in section 5 by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph and the fine schedule, and inserting in place thereof the following:

'The court shall impose a fine based upon the amount of gross weight or axle weight in excess of the limits prescribed in section 1652. The fines

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shall apply when such excess is less than 2,000 pounds only when such excess is intentional. The fine imposed in all cases shall be \$15 for each percentage point of overweight.

The license or permit and privilege to operate of any person found guilty of operating a motor vehicle with a gross weight in excess of 125% of the maximum basic weights allowed in section 1652 shall be immediately suspended for a period of 30 days.

The license or permit and privilege to operate of any person convicted of a 2nd or subsequent overweight violation in excess of 125% of the maximum basic weights allowed in section 1652 shall be immediately suspended for a period of 60 days.'

Further amend said Bill in section 6 in that part designated section 1655 by inserting after the first paragraph the following new paragraph:

'Any tolerance in this section shall not permit a gross weight exceeding 80,000 pounds.'

Statement of Fact

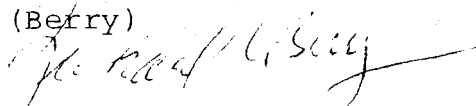
This amendment reduces the maximum allowable gross weight on any highway in the State from 99,000 pounds to 80,000 pounds.

Also, the fine structure has been revised to allow a progressive assessment with no maximum.

Also, operators license suspension penalties have been added for certain violations of allowable weight categories.

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