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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 1057

House of Representatives, March 21, 1975

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule 10. Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Morton of Farmington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Farm Truck Registration.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment, unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the dairy industry is vital to the economy of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, the cost of grain is endangering the preservation of dairy herds in the State of Maine; and

Whereas, it is necessary to transport these feed supplies for long distances; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

29 MRSA § 246, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 714, §§ 1 and 2, is further amended by adding after the 3rd paragraph the following new paragraph:

A truck tractor may be registered and operated, or caused to be operated, as a "farm motor truck" provided that: A combination vehicle, when the truck tractor is registered as a farm motor truck, shall not be operated or caused to be operated with more than 4 axles and shall not exceed a gross vehicle weight of 50,000 pounds; and a combination vehicle, when the truck

tractor is registered as a farm motor truck, shall be used exclusively in the transportation of cattle owned by the registrant or feed for cattle owned by the registrant.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is stated in the emergency preamble.