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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Binding of Logs and Revising Certain Fines.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 1751, as amended by PL 1971, c. 360, § 45, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1751. Binding of logs

No vehicle while being used to transport a load of long logs, the height of which load is greater than 8 feet, shall be operated over any way or bridge unless such load on each such unit is bound by 3 chains and binders or 3 wire ropes or 3 steel cables, or any combination thereof. If the height of such load is less than 8 feet and more than 30 inches, such load shall be bound by 2 chains and binders or 2 wire ropes or 2 steel cables, or any combination thereof. Said chains, wire ropes or steel cables shall be made of not less than 3/8 of an inch wire and said chains and binders, wire ropes or steel cables shall be held firmly in place and properly spaced to secure the load.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 1805, 1st sentence, is amended to read:

The operator or owner of any vehicle entering or leaving the State, or operating within the State, who refuses to permit the weighing of such vehicle shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$700 \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to assure that loads of long logs are adequately secured in order to protect the safety of the traveling public.

Also, this bill assures that operators or owners of motor trucks do not circumvent the paying of increased fines, for overloads, by refusing to permit the weighing of said vehicle.

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