

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 320

H. P. 248

House of Representatives, February 9, 1977

Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and 1,800 ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Strout of Corinth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Nonresident Truck Registration.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 246, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 623, § 44-A, is further amended by inserting after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

The provisions of the foregoing 2 paragraphs shall be available to non-resident owners of motor vehicles who may purchase registration from their state's current registered gross weight on such a vehicle to a higher gross weight level as provided herein on payment of the appropriate fees. The fee for the registration shall be computed as the difference between the fee for the weight registered and the desired gross weight in the foregoing paragraphs. The registration purchased by a nonresident shall clearly indicate on its face that it is "Valid in Maine Only."

Sec. 2. MRSA § 1803 is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

A nonresident owner shall meet the requirements of this section and shall have the opportunity to purchase registration sufficient to satisfy requirements under section 246.

FISCAL NOTE

Enactment of this bill will result in a small increase in revenue to the General Highway Fund.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would allow out of state truckers to operate their vehicles in Maine with loads consistent with Maine law provided their registered gross weight is sufficient. At the present time trucks registered in states having lower allowable truck weights generally do not have sufficient registered weight. This bill would allow them to purchase additional registered weight for operation in Maine only.

This bill would also allow out of state truckers to purchase an increase in their registered weight when found to be operating in excess of their registered weight but within the truck weight road limits.