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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 846, L. D. 1037, Bill, "AN ACT Amending the Law Relating to Load Binding."

Amend the Bill in section 2 by striking out in the 4th line the underlined figure "1951" and inserting in its place the underlined figure '1751'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §1751, as amended by PL 1975, c. 455, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§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 3 polyester or nylon web straps, 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 2 polyester or nylon straps, or any combination thereof. These chains, wire ropes or steel cables shall be made of not less than 3/8 of an inch wire, and the web straps shall have a working strength of not less than 12,000 pounds each. A loss of 25% or more of the width or 25% of the thickness across 1/2 the width at any point shall render such web straps as insufficient. These chains and binders, wire ropes, steel cables

or web straps shall be held firmly in place and properly spaced to secure the load.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide some assurance that web straps are not being utilized when they become cut or frayed thereby diminishing the strength of such straps.

Reported by the Committee on Transportation.

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