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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1037

H. P. 846

House of Representatives, March 15, 1977

On motion of Mr. Carroll of Limerick, referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gould of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Amending the Law Relating to Load Binding.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 1701, 2nd sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 195, is further amended to read:

In those cases in which firewood, pulpwood or bolts ~~is~~ are piled in tiers from the front to rear of the body of a vehicle, a strip of wood or metal 3 inches thick shall extend along the sides of the platform, from front to rear, securely fastened to the platform of the vehicle in order that the load shall pitch to the center of said vehicle, except that such vehicles may substitute for this 3-inch strip, 2 chains, wire rope, ~~or~~ steel cable binders or web straps, or any combination thereof.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 1701, 3rd sentence is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Such chains, wire ropes, steel cables or web straps shall meet the specifications set forth in section 1951 and shall be held firmly in place and properly spaced to secure the load.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 1751, as amended by PL 1975, c. 455, § 1, is further amended to read:

§ 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 combina-

tion 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. Said chains, wire ropes or steel cables shall be made of not less than $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch wire, **and said web straps shall have a working strength of not less than 12,000 pounds each**, and said chains and binders, wire ropes, ~~or~~ steel cables **or web straps** shall be held firmly in place and properly spaced to secure the load.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would permit use of a specified minimum strength web strapping to bind loads of logs and pulpwood. This strapping provides a more positive binding, a higher degree of safety to the truck operator and other highway users.