

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1324

H. P. 1100

House of Representatives, March 28, 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. Martin of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Concerning Axle Weight Limits for Vehicles Hauling Certain Special Loads.

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

29 MRSA § 1655, 1st sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 237, § 6, is amended to read:

The operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded entirely with firewood, sawed lumber, dimension lumber, pulpwood, wood chips, logs, soils, unconsolidated rock materials, bolts, farm produce, road salt, manufacturer's concrete products, building materials which absorb moisture during delivery originating and terminating within the State, or dump trucks, tractor dump trucks or transit-mix concrete trucks carrying highway construction materials; or any vehicle loaded with a majority of products requiring refrigeration, whether by ice or mechanical equipment, and on such vehicles when inspected by the Maine State Police, the number of the seal shall be recorded and the number of the new seal shall be recorded by the Maine State Police, the operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded with raw ore from mine or quarry to place of processing shall not be deemed to be in violation if the gross weight of such vehicle does not exceed 110% of the maximum gross weight for which such vehicle is then registered, nor 110% of the maximum gross weight permitted for such vehicle by section 1652 and provided that the maximum axle loads for these vehicles do not exceed 27,200 pounds for a single axle unit, 46,000 pounds for a tandem axle unit and 54,000 pounds for a tri-axle unit, except that 67,000 pounds shall be permitted on the tri-axle unit of a 4 axle motor vehicle hauling forest products until November 1, 1979.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill deletes the axle load limits on vehicles hauling certain products such as wood, road salt, concrete, etc., which are allowed special weight tolerances, but retains the gross weight limits established under Title 29, section 1655.