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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 770, L.D. 1964, Bill, "AN ACT to Make Corrections of Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine."

Amend the Bill by inserting after section 171 a new section to read as follows:

'Sec. 172. 29 MRSA §1652, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Exceptions to subsections 1 and 2 for vehicles hauling firewood to customers. Vehicles hauling firewood to users or customers are not subject to any rule or other action of the State or of any county or municipality which limits the weight of vehicles on a section of highway during a part of the year as a result of thawing or other seasonal weather conditions, to prevent damage to the road. The exemption of this subject shall not be construed to automatically exempt a vehicle from any other law, and does not apply to the interstate highway system as defined in the United States Aid Highway Act of 1956 or to situations where an alternate route may be used for access, provided that that route does not require additional travel of more than 20 miles round trip.'

Further amend the Bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

Statement of Fact

There are many people using wood as a primary source of heat who are unable to obtain wood during the season when many roads are posted with weight limits. As a result of low weight limits, trucks are prohibited from transporting fuel wood along these roads. Persons dependent upon fuel wood delivered, are seriously and adversely affected by the posted limits.

This amendment exempts fuel wood trucks from the posted limits unless an alternative road is available for use.

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