

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 487

H. P. 440

House of Representatives, January 28, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Dexter of Kingfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Change the Motor Vehicle Laws to Allow Operators to Redistribute their Axle Weight Limits while Traversing Maine's Interstate Systems.

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

29 MRSA § 1654, 5th ¶ from the end, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 770, § 157, is repealed as follows:

~~Nothing contained in this paragraph shall permit, validate or in any way apply to the use of the Interstate System as defined in the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate from the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 1654 the restriction that prohibits an operator of a tractor-trailer from redistributing his axle weight limits when engaged in commerce upon our Interstate Highway System.

Officers who determine that a vehicle is in violation when the vehicle is on a state highway now provide one opportunity for the operator of the tractor to redistribute his axle weight to conform with existing weight limitations.

In order to make the existing law equitable and, most importantly, consistent throughout the State, this bill will better serve not only the industry but also law

enforcement agencies in enforcing uniform laws throughout our State upon all of the highways in Maine.