

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 77
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7 H.P. 71

House of Representatives, January 5, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Webster of Farmington.

Cosponsors: Representative Dexter of Kingfield, Representative Jackson
11 of Harrison and Senator Carpenter of Aroostook.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
16

17 AN ACT Concerning the Weight Limits
18 of Commercial Vehicles.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 29 MRSA §1652, sub-§1, ¶A, as repealed and
23 replaced by PL 1975, c. 237, §4, is repealed and the
24 following enacted in its place:

25 A. No vehicle or combination of vehicles may be
26 operated, or caused to be operated, on or over
27 any way or bridge when the gross weight, actual
28 weight of vehicle and load, exceeds 80,000
29 pounds, except that in the case of any vehicle or
30 combination of vehicles having at least 6 axles
31 loaded entirely with bark, sawdust, firewood,
32 sawed lumber, dimension lumber, pulpwood, wood
33 chips or logs, the gross weight may not exceed
34 100,000 pounds. No vehicles having 2 axles may

1 so be operated, or caused to be operated, when
2 the gross weight exceeds 34,000 pounds; no vehi-
3 cle or combination of vehicles having 3 axles may
4 be so operated, or caused to be operated, when
5 the gross weight exceeds 54,000 pounds; no vehi-
6 cle or combination of vehicles having 4 axles may
7 be so operated, or caused to be operated, when
8 the gross weight exceeds 69,000 pounds; and no
9 vehicle or combination of vehicles having 5 or
10 more axles may be so operated, or caused to be
11 operated, when the gross weight exceeds 80,000
12 pounds, except as otherwise provided in this
13 paragraph in the case of vehicles containing cer-
14 tain wood products. Vehicles may be operated, or
15 caused to be operated on the Interstate Highway
16 System, as defined in the Federal Highway Act of
17 1956, with a maximum gross weight permitted by
18 this subsection, provided such gross weights do
19 not exceed the following formula:

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$$W=500 \left(\frac{LN}{N-1} + 12N + 36 \right)$$

23 W=gross weight L=overall distance between
24 extreme axles

25 N=number of axles

26 or 80,000 pounds, except as otherwise provided in
27 this paragraph in the case of vehicles containing
28 certain wood products.

29 STATEMENT OF FACT

30 The purpose of this bill is to expand the truck
31 weight limit from 80,000 pounds to 100,000 pounds for
32 6-axle trucks hauling certain forest products.

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