

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. 318

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7 S.P. 131

In Senate, January 31, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Transportation, sent down for
9 concurrence and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Usher of Cumberland.
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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Make the Single Axle Limit
18 Uniform.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 29 MRSA §1652, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL
23 1979, c. 174, is further amended to read:

24 B. No vehicle ~~shall~~ may be operated, or caused
25 to be operated, with a gross weight exceeding
26 ~~22,000~~ 22,400 pounds on a single axle unit,
27 38,000 pounds on a tandem axle unit or 48,000
28 pounds on a tri-axle unit, specifically excepting
29 the Interstate Highway System as defined in the
30 Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956, where the single
31 axle limit shall be 22,000 pounds and the tandem
32 axle unit limit shall be 34,000 pounds; and pro-
33 vided that:

1 (1) Nothing contained in section 1655 ~~shall~~
2 may permit an axle or tandem axle weight on
3 the Interstate Highway System as defined in
4 the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956 in
5 excess of the limits established for ~~such~~
6 the system in this section;

7 (2) No single axle of a tandem axle unit
8 ~~shall~~ may support more than 60% of the total
9 weight supported by ~~such~~ that tandem axle
10 unit. It shall not be deemed a violation of
11 this subparagraph if neither axle of a
12 tandem axle unit exceeds the weight legally
13 allowed on a single axle unit of that vehi-
14 cle;

15 (3) No single axle of a tri-axle unit ~~shall~~
16 may support more than 40% of the total
17 weight supported by ~~such~~ that tri-axle unit;
18 and

19 (4) The gross weight of a vehicle shall not
20 be increased by the addition of a trailing
21 axle, so called, unless ~~such~~ that axle sup-
22 ports at least 50% of the added weight per-
23 mitted by the addition of ~~such~~ that trailing
24 axle.

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 This bill allows a uniform minimum in New
27 England. The present limits in other New England
28 States are: Connecticut 22,848; Massachusetts 22,400;
29 New Hampshire 22,400; Rhode Island 22,400; and Ver-
30 mont 22,400.

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