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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 424

H.P. 366

House of Representatives, February 1, 1983

On Motion of Representative Carroll of Limerick referred to the
Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Speaker Martin of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsors: Senator Pray of Penobscot, Representative Callahan of
Mechanic Falls and Representative Theriault of Fort Kent.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Retain Weight Tolerance for
Certain Vehicles.

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

29 MRSA §1655, first ¶, as amended by PL 1981, c.
556, is further amended to read:

The operation on the highways of any vehicle
loaded entirely with bark, sawdust, firewood, sawed
lumber, dimension lumber, pulpwood, wood chips, logs,
soils, unconsolidated rock materials including lime-
stone, bolts, farm produce, road salt, manufacturer's
concrete products, solid waste building materials and
incinerator ash 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 re-

1 quiring refrigeration, whether by ice or mechanical
2 equipment, and on such those vehicles when inspected
3 by the Maine State Police, the number of the seal
4 shall be recorded and the number of the new seal
5 shall be recorded by the Maine State Police, the
6 operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded with
7 raw ore from mine or quarry to place of processing
8 shall not be deemed to be in violation if the gross
9 weight of such that vehicle does not exceed 110% of
10 the maximum gross weight for which such that vehicle
11 is then registered, nor 110% of the maximum gross
12 weight permitted for such the vehicle by section
13 1652, and provided that the maximum axle loads for
14 these vehicles do not exceed 24,200 pounds for a sin-
15 gle axle unit, 46,000 pounds for a tandem axle unit
16 and 54,000 pounds for a tri-axle unit, except that
17 64,000 pounds shall be permitted on the tri-axle unit
18 of a 4-axle motor vehicle hauling forest products
19 until ~~November 1, 1983~~ November 1, 1985. When any
20 of the tolerances in this section are exceeded, the
21 difference between the actual weights and the respec-
22 tive limits established in section 1652 shall be used
23 as the basis for determining the percentage of over-
24 load on which the penalty in section 1654 shall be
25 assessed; except, that in the case of a single,
26 tandem or tri-axle unit, there shall be no violation
27 until the axle unit tolerances are exceeded by 1,000
28 pounds or more, unless the excess is intentional.

29 STATEMENT OF FACT

30 The purpose of this bill is to continue the
31 present weight limits for tri-axle trucks hauling
32 forest products.

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