

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 1936

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7 H.P. 1475

House of Representatives, January 12, 1984

8 Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 24.  
9 Referred to the Committee on Transportation, ordered printed and sent  
up for concurrence.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Carroll of Limerick  
11 Cosponsor: Representative Macomber of So. Portland.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR  
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17 AN ACT Concerning the Stopping of Trucks at  
18 Roadside Weighing Points.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 29 MRSA §1801, as amended by PL 1983, c. 451, is  
23 further amended to read:

24 §1801. Weighing points

25 The Chief of the State Police may designate, of  
26 his own motion or by order of the Governor, certain  
27 state police officers who will be empowered to exam-  
28 ine loads and replace seals as provided by section  
29 1802.

30 Weighing points ~~shall~~ may be designated by the  
31 placement of signs not less than 500 feet from ap-  
32 proaching traffic where these weighing points are es-  
33 tablished and all these signs shall bear the words

1 "State Police Truck Check - All Trucks Stop." These  
2 signs shall display flashing yellow lights which  
3 shall be operated at times when the weighing stations  
4 are in operation. The placement of signs shall be  
5 prima facie evidence that these signs were displayed  
6 in accordance with this section and any operator who  
7 drives a vehicle past these signs and fails to stop  
8 at the weighing point, except as otherwise directed  
9 by the police officer, shall be guilty of a civil vi-  
10 olation with a forfeiture of not more than \$500.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

12 This bill clarifies when signs are required at  
13 weighing points. Weighing points will involve  
14 several officers at a fixed location. Truck weight  
15 enforcement officers during routine patrol stop vehi-  
16 cles individually to check weight. These are vehicle  
17 stops and not weighing points. Other vehicles are  
18 not required to stop and be checked under these cir-  
19 cumstances unless specifically signaled to do so.

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