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2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 2057

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8 H.P. 1556 House of Representatives, February 7, 1984

9 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
10 pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

11 Reference to the Committee on Transportation. Ordered printed and sent
up for concurrence.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Weymouth of West Gardiner.

Cosponsor: Senator Dow of Kennebec.

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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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18 AN ACT Relating to Conveyance of Rolled
19 Bales of Hay.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 29 MRSA §1701, as amended by PL 1983, c. 94, Pt.
24 B, §19, is further amended to read:

25 §1701. Height and width restrictions

26 No vehicle which, with or without load, is wider
27 than 102 inches over all may be operated upon any way
28 or bridge. In those cases in which firewood, pulp-
29 wood or bolts are piled in tiers from the front to
30 rear of the body of a vehicle, a strip of wood or
31 metal 3 inches thick shall extend along the sides of
32 the platform, from front to rear, securely fastened
33 to the platform of the vehicle in order that the load
34 shall pitch to the center of that vehicle, except

1 that those vehicles may substitute for this 3-inch
2 strip, 2 chains, wire rope, steel cable binders or
3 web straps, or any combination thereof. These
4 chains, wire ropes, steel cables or web straps shall
5 meet the specifications set forth in section 1751 and
6 shall be held firmly in place and properly spaced to
7 secure the load. Each vehicle so loaded shall carry
8 a solid-boarded tailboard or 5 stakes evenly spaced
9 of sufficient strength to maintain the weight of the
10 load, and the load at no place along its length shall
11 be higher than the tailboard or stakes. No vehicle
12 any structural part of which, permanent or temporary,
13 is more than 13 feet 6 inches in height, measured
14 vertically from a plane and level surface of ground
15 or pavement may be operated upon any way or bridge.
16 The load on any vehicle may extend 6 inches above the
17 maximum permissible structural height of the vehicle.
18 No vehicle may be operated over any section of a way
19 or bridge which does not afford adequate structural
20 overhead clearance. No portion of any vehicle or
21 load, except the reflecting mirror required by this
22 Title, may project beyond the side of such vehicle to
23 make a total width greater than specified in this
24 section. This section shall not apply to snow plows
25 and equipment used exclusively for the removal of
26 snow from public ways or to construction equipment
27 the uses of which are confined to the limits of high-
28 way and bridge construction projects. This section
29 shall not be construed as limiting the width of a
30 load of loose or rolled baled hay, pea vines or
31 cornstalks.

32 STATEMENT OF FACT

33 The purpose of this bill is to enable the hauling
34 of hay that is roll baled. Roll baled hay is a mod-
35 ern way of keeping hay in the field until needed in
36 winter then removing the outer layer for use. Unfor-
37 tunately, the new technology of rolled bale is
38 hindered by hauling dimensions now in force which are
39 causing needless hardships.

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