

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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7 H.P. 224

House of Representatives, January 29, 1985

8 Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule  
9 24.

10 Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered  
printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Moholland of Princeton.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Strout of Corinth, Representative Mills of  
Bethel and Senator Erwin of Oxford.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT to Make Administrative Changes in  
18 Truck Weight Tolerances.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1655, first ¶, as amended by PL  
23 1983, c. 94, Pt. B, §15, is further amended to read:

24 The operation on the highways of any vehicle  
25 loaded entirely with bark, sawdust, firewood, sawed  
26 lumber, dimension lumber, pulpwood, wood chips, logs,  
27 soils, unconsolidated rock materials including lime-  
28 stone, bolts, farm produce, road salt, manufacturer's  
29 concrete products, solid waste, building materials  
30 and incinerator ash which absorb moisture during de-  
31 livery originating and terminating within the State,  
32 or dump trucks, tractor dump trucks or transit-mix  
33 concrete trucks carrying highway construction materi-  
34 als; or any vehicle loaded with a majority of  
35 products requiring refrigeration, whether by ice or  
36 mechanical equipment, and on such vehicles when in-

1       pected by the Maine State Police, the number of the  
2 seal shall be recorded and the number of the new seal  
3 shall be recorded by the Maine State Police, the op-  
4 eration on the highways of any vehicle loaded with  
5 raw ore from mine or quarry to place of processing  
6 shall not be deemed to be in violation if the gross  
7 weight of such vehicle does not exceed 110% of the  
8 ~~maximum gross weight for which such vehicle is then~~  
9 ~~registered, nor 110% of the maximum gross weight per-~~  
10 ~~mitted for such vehicle by section 1652, and provided~~  
11 ~~that the maximum axle loads for these vehicles do not~~  
12 ~~exceed 24,200 pounds for a single axle unit, 46,000~~  
13 ~~pounds for a tandem axle unit and 54,000 pounds for a~~  
14 ~~tri-axle unit, except that 64,000 pounds shall be~~  
15 ~~permitted on the tri-axle unit of a 4-axle motor ve-~~  
16 ~~hicle hauling forest products until March 1, 1984, or~~  
17 ~~until the annual registration certificate for the~~  
18 ~~1984 registration year is obtained, whichever occurs~~  
19 ~~first, on or after which time provided that a special~~  
20 ~~commodity permit must be is obtained. When any of~~  
21 ~~the tolerances in this section are exceeded, the dif-~~  
22 ~~ference between the actual weights and the respective~~  
23 ~~limits established in section 1652 shall be used as~~  
24 ~~the basis for determining the percentage of overload~~  
25 ~~on which the penalty in section 1654 shall be as-~~  
26 ~~essed.~~

27       Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §1655, 4th ¶, as amended by PL  
28 1983, c. 818, §17, is further amended to read:

29       Starting March 1, 1984, or when the annual regis-  
30 ~~tration certificate for the 1984 registration year is~~  
31 ~~obtained, whichever occurs first, the The tolerances~~  
32 ~~provided in this section shall only apply to those~~  
33 ~~vehicles for which a special commodity permit has~~  
34 ~~been issued and only when actively engaged in the~~  
35 ~~transportation of those commodities. Commodity per-~~  
36 ~~mits shall be valid only when issued to a vehicle~~  
37 ~~which is currently registered for the maximum legal~~  
38 ~~weight allowed that vehicle under section 1652 or is~~  
39 ~~fully registered in its home jurisdiction. Vehicles~~  
40 ~~owned and operated by government agencies are exempt~~  
41 ~~from this requirement.~~

42       Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §1655, 6th ¶, as enacted by PL  
43 1983, c. 94, Pt. B, §17, is amended to read:

1 Commodity permits may be obtained upon payment of  
 2 the required fee, from any branch office of the Motor  
 3 Vehicle Division or from any agent of the Secretary  
 4 of State who has been appointed for that specific  
 5 purpose. These agents appointed by the Secretary of  
 6 State may charge any applicant for a commodity permit  
 7 \$1 over and above the required permit fee and may re-  
 8 tain the dollar as his compensation for performing  
 9 this function. A permit may be issued for a period of  
 10 12 months or less, provided that no permit may extend  
 11 beyond the expiration of the annual registration or  
 12 short-term registration permit. The appointment of  
 13 these agents shall be limited to either municipal tax  
 14 collectors or town or city managers. The fee shall be  
 15 based upon the vehicle type and period of validity.

16		Per Year	Per Calendar
17	Vehicle Type		Month or por-
18			tion thereof
19	2-axle vehicle	\$ 96	\$ 8
20	3-axle single unit truck	\$180	\$15
21	4-axle <u>or more</u> single unit		
22	truck	\$240	\$20
23	3-axle combination vehicle	\$120	\$10
24	4-axle combination vehicle	\$168	\$14
25	5 or more axle combination		
26	vehicle	\$216	\$18
27	6-axle combination vehicle-		
28	3 axle truck tractor with		
29	tri-axle semitrailer	\$216	\$18

30 STATEMENT OF FACT

31 Section 1 of this bill makes grammatical changes  
 32 and removes the provision for a tolerance on regis-  
 33 tered weight which conflicts with the 4th paragraph  
 34 of this section. This section also removes the pro-  
 35 visional language that was necessary to phase in com-  
 36 modity permits.

37 Section 2 removes the provisional language that  
 38 was necessary to phase in commodity permits.

39 Section 3 provides for the issuance of commodity

1 permits to single unit trucks with more than 4 axles  
2 for the fee associated with 4-axle single unit  
3 trucks.

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