

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 491

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7 H.P. 372

House of Representatives, February 8, 1985

8 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and ordered printed. Sent
9 up for concurrence. Ordered sent forthwith.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Harper of Lincoln.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Hichborn of LaGrange and
Representative Paradis of Old Town.

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 Relating to Tri-axle Trucks Hauling
18 Forest Products.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1654, 4th ¶, as enacted by PL
23 1983, c. 818, §15, is amended to read:

24 Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this
25 section may be construed as to permit axle or gross
26 weights on the interstate system in excess of those
27 found in section 1652. Fines for violation of axles
28 and gross weight limits on the interstate systems
29 shall be calculated on the basis of the 6th para-
30 graph.

31 Percent over basic
32 weight allowed in
33 section weight al-
34 lowed in sections
35 1652 and 1655

		Fine schedule
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2	1	\$10
3	2	\$20
4	3	\$30
5	4	\$40
6	5	\$50
7	6	\$60
8	7	\$70
9	8	\$80
10	9	\$90
11	10	\$100
12	11	\$120
13	12	\$140
14	13	\$160
15	14	\$180
16	15	\$200
17	16	\$220
18	17	\$240
19	18	\$260
20	19	\$280
21	20	\$300
22	21	\$320
23	22	\$340
24	23	\$360

1	24	\$380
2	25	\$400
3	26	\$420
4	27	\$440
5	28	\$460
6	29	\$480
7	30	\$500
8	31	\$525
9	32	\$550
10	33	\$575
11	34	\$600
12	35	\$625
13	36	\$650
14	37	\$675
15	38	\$700
16	39	\$725
17	40	\$750
18	41	\$800
19	42	\$850
20	43	\$900
21	44	\$950
22	45 or	\$1,000
23	greater	

24 **Sec. 2.** 29 MRSA §1655, first ¶, as amended by PL
25 1983, c. 94, Pt. B, §15, is further amended to read:

1 The operation on the highways of any vehicle
2 loaded entirely with bark, sawdust, firewood, sawed
3 lumber, dimension lumber, pulpwood, wood chips, logs,
4 soils, unconsolidated rock materials including lime-
5 stone, bolts, farm produce, road salt, manufacturer's
6 concrete products, solid waste building materials and
7 incinerator ash which absorb moisture during delivery
8 originating and terminating within the State, or dump
9 trucks, tractor dump trucks or transit-mix concrete
10 trucks carrying highway construction materials; or
11 any vehicle loaded with a majority of products re-
12 quiring refrigeration, whether by ice or mechanical
13 equipment, and on such vehicles when inspected by the
14 Maine State Police, the number of the seal shall be
15 recorded and the number of the new seal shall be re-
16 corded by the Maine State Police, the operation on
17 the highways of any vehicle loaded with raw ore from
18 mine or quarry to place of processing shall not be
19 deemed to be in violation if the gross weight of such
20 vehicle does not exceed 110% of the maximum gross
21 weight for which such vehicle is then registered, nor
22 110% of the maximum gross weight permitted for such
23 vehicle by section 1652, and provided that the maxi-
24 mum axle loads for these vehicles do not exceed
25 24,200 pounds for a single axle unit, 46,000 pounds
26 for a tandem axle unit and 54,000 pounds for a
27 tri-axle unit, except that 64,000 pounds shall be
28 permitted on the tri-axle unit of a 4-axle motor ve-
29 hicle hauling forest products until March 1, 1984, or
30 until the annual registration certificate for the
31 1984 registration year is obtained, whichever occurs
32 first, on or after which time a special commodity
33 permit must be obtained. When any of the tolerances
34 in this section are exceeded, the difference between
35 the actual weights and the respective limits estab-
36 lished in section 1652 shall be used as the basis for
37 determining the percentage of overload on which the
38 penalty in section 1654 shall be assessed.

39 Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §1655, as amended by PL 1983, c.
40 818, §§16 to 18, is further amended by adding at the
41 end a new paragraph to read:

42 The maximum fine or penalty to be assessed for an
43 overweight tri-axle violation when a special commodi-
44 ty permit has been issued shall be \$250.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to rectify inequities
in fines levied for overweight trucks when a special
commodity permit has been issued.

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