

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. 1245

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7 H.P. 888

House of Representatives, April 9, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Brown of Livermore Falls.
12 Cosponsored by Representative Mills of Bethel.

13 STATE OF MAINE

14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Permit Travel of Heavy Equipment on
18 Posted Roads.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 29 MRSA §903, first ¶, as amended by PL 1971, c.
23 593, §22, is further amended to read:

24 The rights and powers of the Department of Trans-
25 portation to exclude or restrict the weight or equip-
26 ment, when in their judgment the passage of any such
27 vehicle over any way or bridge would be unsafe or
28 likely to cause excessive damage to the same, is ex-
29 pressly conferred on said department and nothing in
30 this Title shall be construed to restrict or abridge
31 any of said rights and powers; the intent of this Ti-
32 tle being to confer upon the Department of Transpor-
33 tation, and upon the appropriate highway officials,
34 broad regulative authority to encourage reasonable
35 use of the ways and bridges and to correct abuse
36 thereof; such delegated authority being necessary in

1 the opinion of the Legislature for the reasonable use
2 and proper protection and continued maintenance of
3 the ways and bridges of this State, except that the
4 department shall provide for limited travel of heavy
5 equipment over posted roads in order to move the
6 equipment from one work site to another even when the
7 equipment weight is greater than the weight limit
8 posted. The department may grant special permits for
9 this travel.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

11 Workers need to move heavy equipment from work
12 site to work site. Frequently, there is no other
13 available route than a posted road which has a weight
14 limit lower than the weight of the equipment.

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