

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. 1402

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7 H.P. 967

House of Representatives, April 25, 1985

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Mitchell of Freeport.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Carroll of Gray and Representative Lord
of Waterboro.

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 Require that Commercial Trucks
18 Carrying Gravel be Covered.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 29 MRSA §1752, as amended by PL 1977, c. 32, is
23 further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph
24 to read:

25 No person may operate or cause to be operated
26 upon any public way a commercial vehicle with a load
27 of gravel unless the load is covered or otherwise se-
28 ured or confined to prevent any portion of the load
29 from falling from or spilling out of the vehicle. Any
30 person who has a fleet of 4 or more commercial vehi-
31 cles may petition the Secretary of State for an ex-
32 emption from the requirements of this paragraph, pro-
33 vided that that person shall, by January 1, 1986,
34 cause at least 20% of the vehicles in the fleet to
35 comply with this paragraph and, by January 1st of
36 each subsequent calendar year, shall cause an addi-

1 tional 20% of the vehicles in the fleet to comply
2 with this paragraph, until all vehicles are in com-
3 pliance with this paragraph. All new vehicles ac-
4 quired after the effective date of this paragraph
5 shall comply with this paragraph.

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 This bill requires that commercial vehicles
8 traveling on public ways with loads of gravel be cov-
9 ered, confined or secured to prevent any of the load
10 from spilling out of the vehicle. The bill also pro-
11 vides a transition period for persons having fleets
12 of commercial vehicles.

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