

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 304 In Senate, March 23, 1987  
Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to  
Joint Rule 24.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and  
ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DOW of Kennebec

Cosponsored by: Representative MOHOLLAND of Princeton,  
Representative POULIOT of Lewiston, Representative SALSBURY of  
Bar Harbor

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Enabling the State to Join the  
Regional Truck Permit Agreement.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
follows:

29 MRSA §1705 is enacted to read:

§1705. Purpose and principles

1. Authorization. This section authorizes the  
Commissioner of Transportation to enter into a re-  
gional overdimensional truck permit agreement re-  
ferred to in this section as the agreement.

2. Purpose. It is the purpose of this section  
to:

1 A. Promote and encourage the fullest and most  
2 efficient use of the highway system by making  
3 uniform, among member jurisdictions, the adminis-  
4 tration of overdimensional and overweight permits  
5 for nondivisible loads with respect to motor ve-  
6 hicles in interstate operation;

7 B. Enable participating jurisdictions to act co-  
8 operatively in the issuance of overdimensional  
9 and overweight permits and in the collection of  
10 appropriate fees; and

11 C. Establish and maintain the concept of one ad-  
12 ministering jurisdiction for each permittee based  
13 on the rules established under the agreement.

14 3. Principles. The Legislature, in authorizing  
15 this agreement, recognizes that the regional adminis-  
16 tration of overdimensional and overweight permits for  
17 nondivisible loads will promote the more efficient  
18 use of the highway system while protecting that sys-  
19 tem from abuse. The Legislature further recognizes  
20 that this agreement will reduce the administrative  
21 burdens for both the participating jurisdictions and  
22 the permittees by limiting the number of contacts  
23 necessary when a motor carrier moves an  
24 overdimensional or overweight load interstate.

25 4. Authorization. The Commissioner of Transpor-  
26 tation may enter into any agreement, not in conflict  
27 with any other sections of this Title or of Title 23,  
28 that furthers the intent of this section. The com-  
29 missioner may also collect and distribute fees for  
30 other participating jurisdictions and receive fees  
31 from those jurisdictions collected on behalf of this  
32 State. The commissioner shall submit a biennial re-  
33 port to the joint standing committee of the Legisla-  
34 ture having jurisdiction over transportation in Janu-  
35 ary of even numbered years. The report shall outline  
36 progress in the expansion and the operation of the  
37 agreement.

1 FISCAL NOTE

2 There is expected to be no loss or gain of revenue  
3 due to this bill. No additional personnel or  
4 equipment are necessary. Some long-term reductions  
5 in costs may result.

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 The purpose of this bill is to authorize the  
8 State to enter into the Northeast Regional Truck Per-  
9 mit Agreement being developed by the Massachusetts  
10 Institute of Technology in cooperation with the  
11 states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire,  
12 Vermont and Maine. The agreement is expected to be  
13 operational in the spring of 1988.

14 The agreement permits the operation of a truck  
15 carrying a nondivisible overdimensional or overweight  
16 load through participating jurisdictions with the is-  
17 suance of only one permit. In most cases, the permit  
18 would be issued by the terminus jurisdiction which  
19 would collect and distribute fees for all other ju-  
20 risdictions through which the vehicle passed. Vehi-  
21 cles eligible for participation under this agreement  
22 would have to conform to certain maximum limits. Ve-  
23 hicles exceeding these limits would continue to apply  
24 for permits on a state-by-state basis.

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