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L.D. 1590

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1164, L.D. 1590, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify Certain Sections of the Motor Vehicle Laws."

Amend the bill in section 1 in the first paragraph in the 5th line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "having 2 or 3 axles" and inserting in its place the following: '~~having-2-or--3~~ axies'

Further amend the bill by deleting section 2.

Further amend the bill in section 4 in paragraph A in subparagraph (1) in the 4th line (page 4, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "July 1, 1980," and inserting in its place the following: 'August 1, 1980,'

Further amend the bill by adding after section 5 the following:

'Sec. 6. 29 MRSA §1752, as amended by PL 1977, c. 32, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

No person may place, or cause to be placed and allow to remain on any public way, any snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally.'

Further amend the bill by adding before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 7. 29 MRSA §2708, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c. 642, is amended to read:

§2708. Indemnity bonds

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1 The Secretary of State shall not register any mo-
2 tor vehicle required to obtain an operating permit
3 subject to this chapter and the bureau shall not is-
4 sue a permit covering the operation of any such motor
5 vehicle or vehicles, until the applicant for that
6 permit has procured a good and sufficient insurance
7 policy or indemnity bond, in such amount as the bu-
8 reau prescribes, having as surety thereon, a surety
9 company authorized to transact business in this State
10 or 2 responsible individuals, which bond shall be ap-
11 proved by the bureau, or a declaratory judgment is-
12 sued by the Interstate Commerce Commission authoriz-
13 ing the motor carrier to self-insure. The insurance
14 policy ~~or~~, bond or self-insurance shall adequately
15 provide for cargo insurance and for the collection of
16 damages for which the holder of a permit may be lia-
17 ble by reason of the operation of any motor vehicle
18 or vehicles subject to the operation of this chapter.
19 Notwithstanding this section, any person, firm or
20 corporation transporting logs or pulpwood, garbage,
21 refuse, sludge, junk or unserviceable vehicles, ma-
22 nure, wood chips, bark or hogged fuel is not required
23 to provide cargo insurance. Any person, firm or cor-
24 poration transporting freight between points within
25 this State and points without the State or between
26 points without the State, but passing through this
27 State, is not required to provide cargo insurance.

28 **Sec. 8. Effective date.** Section 4 of this Act
29 shall take effect on March 1, 1988.

30 FISCAL NOTE

31 This bill will result in a reduction in Highway
32 Fund revenue in which the exact amount cannot be de-
33 termined. This anticipated loss of revenue will re-
34 sult from the provision which will allow farm motor
35 trucks to take advantage of reduced registration
36 fees.'

37 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sec-
38 tions to read consecutively.

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1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this amendment is to make minor
3 corrections in the bill and to add 2 new sections.

4 The first correction is to delete "2 or 3 axles"
5 in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 246,
6 where it appears a 2nd time in the paragraph. This
7 completes the purpose of the section which is to al-
8 low all farm motor trucks to take advantage of re-
9 duced registration fees, not just 2 or 3 axle farm
10 motor trucks.

11 The 2nd correction is to delete section 2.

12 The 3rd correction is to change the manufactur-
13 er's date after which a truck or truck tractor having
14 3 or more axles is required to have brakes on the
15 front wheels from July 1, 1980, to August 1, 1980.
16 The federal effective date is July 24, 1980. Section
17 8 was added to make section 4 effective March 1,
18 1988. This coincides with the federal effective
19 date.

20 Two new sections are added. The first makes it a
21 traffic infraction to place or cause to be placed and
22 allow to remain on a public way any snow or slush.
23 The plowing of snow onto a public way allowing it to
24 remain there causes a serious traffic hazard for mo-
25 torists. The 2nd allows certain commercial motor
26 carriers hauling for hire to self-insure, if approved
27 by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

28 The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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