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L.D. 2618

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
113TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "^B" to H.P. 1919, L.D. 2618,
Bill, "AN ACT Relating to 6-Axle Vehicles Carrying
General Commodities."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the
following:

'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1652, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended
by PL 1983, c. 455, §24, is further amended to read:

E. Notwithstanding paragraphs A and B, a
combination vehicle consisting of a 3-axle truck
tractor operating in combination with a tri-axle
semitrailer may be operated, or caused to be
operated, with a maximum gross weight of 96,000
80,000 pounds; provided that:

(1) The maximum gross weight permitted by
this paragraph shall be reduced by 2,000
pounds for each foot the distance is less
than 32 feet between the extreme axles,
excluding the steering axle, measured to the
nearest foot;

(2) Nothing contained in this paragraph
shall permit a gross weight on the Interstate

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1 Highway System, as defined in the Federal Aid
2 Highway Act of 1956, in excess of those
3 limits established for that system in this
4 section;

5 (3) A general permit authorizing that
6 operation has been obtained. The annual fee
7 for the permit shall be \$105 or \$9 per
8 calendar month or portion thereof and a fee
9 of \$2 shall be assessed to transfer a permit
10 to another vehicle. The permit may be
11 obtained upon payment of the required fee,
12 from any branch office of the Secretary of
13 State, Division of Motor Vehicles, or from
14 any agent of the Secretary of State who has
15 been appointed for that specific purpose.
16 These agents appointed by the Secretary of
17 State may charge any applicant for a permit
18 \$1 over the required permit fee and may
19 retain that dollar for performing this
20 function; and

21 (4) The vehicle is already fully registered
22 for 80,000 pounds.

23 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §1655, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL
24 1983, c. 816, Pt. A, §28, is further amended to read:

25 Notwithstanding the first paragraph, the tandem
26 axle unit limit for 5 or more axle combination
27 vehicles shall not exceed 44,000 pounds and a 6-axle
28 combination vehicle, as defined in section 1652,
29 subsection 1, paragraph E, may be operated, or caused
30 to be operated, with a maximum gross weight of
31 ~~100,000~~ 80,000 pounds, provided that the maximum
32 gross weight permitted on a tandem axle unit shall be
33 44,000 pounds and the maximum gross weight permitted
34 on a tri-axle unit shall be 54,000 pounds, and
35 provided that the distance between the extreme axles,
36 excluding the steering axle, is at least 32 feet.

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1 FISCAL NOTE

2 The bill would result in a loss of revenue to the
3 Highway Fund of approximately \$260,000 for fiscal year
4 1988-89. This estimate is based on an anticipated
5 reduction in the collection of special commodity
6 permit fees of \$90,000, and a reduction in general
7 permit fees of \$170,000.'

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 This amendment provides that the maximum gross
10 vehicle weight for any truck may not exceed 80,000
11 pounds.

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