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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of York. Cosponsored by Representative PAUL of Sanford and Senator GOULD of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Commercial Vehicle Weight Requirements.



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

29 MRSA §1652, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 1979, c. 139, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, no с. vehicle may be operated or caused to be operated when the 7 weight carried by any tire on any axle exceeds the maximum 9 load rating specified in this paragraph. For any tire marked as required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and inflated to the specified pressure, the maximum load 11 rating shall be the amount marked. For any tire which is 13 inflated to a pressure less than the specified pressure corresponding to the maximum load rating, the allowable 15 weight shall be reduced by 5% for every 5 pounds per square inch under pressure. For any tire which is unmarked, the allowable pressure shall be 550 pounds per inch width for 17 radial tires and 500 pounds per inch for bias ply tires. 19 Farm trucks transporting potatoes directly from the field to the place of storage or to a processing facility during the 21 potato harvesting season are exempt from this paragraph.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Present law contains a tire weight limit of 600 pounds per inch width. Federal regulations require tires to be marked with the maximum load rating and the corresponding pressure. See 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 571.119.

33 The bill replaces present law with a requirement that the weight carried by a tire shall not exceed the rated load marked 35 on the tire. More restrictive provisions are also made for under-inflated or unmarked tires. The present exemption for 37 potato trucks remains.

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