

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 498

S.P. 189

In Senate, February 11, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator THERIAULT of Aroostook

Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Van Buren, Representative PINES of Limestone and Senator COLLINS of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Modify Weight Limits for Farm Trucks.

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

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29 MRSA §1655, first ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 866, Pt. B, §12 and affected by §26, is further amended to read:

The operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded entirely with bark, sawdust, firewood, sawed lumber, dimension lumber, pulpwood, wood chips, logs, soils, unconsolidated rock materials including limestone, bolts, farm produce, road salt, manufacturer's concrete products, solid waste, building materials and incinerator ash that absorb moisture during delivery originating and terminating within the State; or dump trucks, tractor dump trucks or transit-mix concrete trucks carrying highway construction materials; or any vehicle loaded with a majority of products requiring refrigeration, whether by ice or mechanical equipment, and on those vehicles when inspected by the State Police, the number of the seal must be recorded and the number of the new seal must be recorded by the State Police, the operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded with raw ore from mine or quarry to place of processing may not be determined to be in violation if the gross weight of that vehicle does not exceed 110% of the maximum gross weight permitted for that vehicle by section 1652, and provided that the maximum axle loads for these vehicles do not exceed 24,200 pounds for a single axle unit, 46,000 pounds for a tandem axle unit and 54,000 pounds for a tri-axle unit, except that 64,000 pounds must be permitted on the tri-axle unit of a 4-axle motor vehicle hauling forest products or farm produce provided that a special commodity permit is obtained. When any of the tolerances in this section are exceeded, the difference between the actual weights and the respective limits established in section 1652 must be used as the basis for determining the percentage of overload on which the penalty in section 1654 must be assessed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill extends the present weight limits allowed to haulers of forest products with a special commodity permit to haulers of farm produce.