

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 444, L.D. 634, Bill, "An Act to Exempt Municipal Vehicles from Overweight Penalties"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause the before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1657 is enacted to read:

§1657. Exemptions

1. Emergency maintenance vehicle. Any vehicle engaged in emergency maintenance of a public way is exempt from the weight limits imposed by this chapter.

2. Fire-fighting vehicle. Any fire-fighting vehicle with its proper equipment that meets the National Fire Protection Association standards is exempt from the gross axle weight limits imposed by this chapter.

3. Snowplow. Any vehicle once modified for the purposes of snowplowing is exempt from the weight limits imposed by this chapter when equipped with a snowplow and wing or wings and engaged in snowplowing or ice control. At all other times, the vehicles described in this subsection are exempt from section 1652, subsection 2, paragraph C.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §1757, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 169, is repealed.

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### FISCAL NOTE

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This bill provides an exemption for municipal fire-fighting vehicles, snowplowing vehicles and emergency maintenance vehicles from state road weight laws. There will be a minimal reduction in the number of traffic infractions filed in District Court as a result of the exemptions. This reduction will not significantly decrease the workload and administrative costs of the District Courts.'

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment adds an exclusion from weight limits for any vehicles engaged in emergency maintenance of a public way, and clarifies that fire-fighting vehicles with equipment that meet National Fire Protection Association standards are exempt from gross axle weight limits. The amendment repeals a section regarding a weight exemption for snowplows and consolidates it with the 2 new exemptions in one section. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

Reported by the Committee on Transportation  
Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House  
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