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House of Representatives, February 14, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative STROUT of Corinth.

Cosponsored by Representative MACOMBER of South Portland, Senator THERIAULT of Aroostook and Representative HUSSEY of Milo.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Exempt Municipal Vehicles from Overweight Penalties.



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

3 29 MRSA §1655, as amended by PL 1989, c. 866, Pt. B, §12
4 and affected by §26, is further amended by adding at the end 2
5 paragraphs to read:

6 The gross axle weight limitations imposed by this chapter or
7 any other state law do not apply to fire fighting vehicles that
8 meet National Fire Protection Association standards.

9 If the municipality or the owner or operator provides
10 written evidence of the weight of the snow plow or plow frame at
11 the request of a law enforcement authority, the weight of the
12 snow plow or plow frame attached to a municipality-owned vehicle
13 or privately owned vehicle operated under a contract with a
14 municipality must be subtracted from the gross weight or axle
15 weight of the vehicle.

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20 STATEMENT OF FACT

21 Several municipal dump trucks performing work for
22 municipalities have been stopped for violations of State road
23 weight laws. In some cases the violation is due in part to the
24 presence of a snow plow frame on the truck. This bill provides
25 an exemption for the frame or for the frame and plow. It also
26 provides an exemption for fire fighting vehicles. Current law
27 requires that only fire fighting vehicles that meet National Fire
28 Protection Association standards be bought, but trucks that meet
29 those standards exceed Maine's current axle weight limitation by
30 about 2,500 pounds.
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