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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ERWIN of Rumford.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Oxford and Representative STROUT of Corinth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Safe Operation of Truck Tractors.



Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission to Study the Safe Operation of Truck Tractors is established; and be it further

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Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 4 members: one member of the Legislative Council appointed by the Chair of the Legislative Council; one representative of the Department of Transportation, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation, who shall serve as chair of the commission; one representative of the Department of Public Safety, appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety; one representative of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, appointed by the Secretary of State; and be it further

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- Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved: That all appointments shall be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall be notified by all appointing authorities once the selections have been made. The Chair of the Commission to Study the Safe Operation of Truck Tractors shall call the first meeting of the commission within 30 days of appointment of all the members; and be it further
- Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the commission undertake a study of the following aspects of safety to determine the appropriateness of:
- Installing automatic on board devices to record drivers' hours of service as required equipment in all truck tractors;

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- 2. Increasing the present fines for falsifying and failing to maintain truck log books;
- 3. Mandating suspension of a truck driver's license for multiple violation of falsifying or failing to maintain truck log books; and
- 4. Mandating fines or other penalties for the owners of truck tractors when drivers falsify or fail to maintain truck log books.

The members of the commission shall consult with their counterparts in other New England states, the National Conference of State Legislatures and other organizations concerned with truck tractor safety; and be it further

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Sec. 5. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit its findings with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by January 15, 1992 and the committee shall report with any necessary implementing legislation to the Second Regular Session of Legislature by February 19, 1992; and be it further

2 4	Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall provide staff assistance if assistance is desired by the commission, to carry out these duties; and be it further
6 8	Sec. 7. Reimbursement. Resolved: That all members of the commission shall serve without compensation and are not entitled to reimbursement for expenses.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This resolve creates a Commission to Study the Safe Operation of Truck Tractors. Drivers of truck tractors are required by state and federal regulation to maintain a log or an automatic device to record their hours of service on the road. Fines are imposed for the falsifying of or failing to maintain a log or an automatic device. The commission will study ways to improve the enforcement of limitations on driver hours of service.

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