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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 674, L.D. 1788, Bill, "An Act to Authorize Operation of a 6-axle Single Unit Truck and a Combination Vehicle with a 53-foot Semitrailer Resulting from the Experimental Vehicle Program"

Amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in paragraph G in subparagraph (2) in the last paragraph in the last line (page 2, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "39 feet 8 inches;" and inserting in its place the following: '41 feet;'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in paragraph G by striking out all of subparagraph (5) (page 2, lines 29 to 38 in L.D.).

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in paragraph G in subparagraph (6) in the last line (page 2, line 45 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "manufacture;" and inserting in its place the following: 'manufacture. The certification must be filed with the Secretary of State on forms prescribed by the Secretary of State. A copy of the certification must be carried in the vehicle at all times;'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in paragraph G in subparagraph (9) in division (d) in the last line (page 4, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "ground;" and inserting in its place the following: 'ground. Axles 2 and 6, if liftable, must be fitted with interlock devices that prevent the operator from lifting the axle or axles when the vehicle speed exceeds 15 miles per hour. The devices must be designed to permit the axle-lifting operation only in the low range in a 2-range transmission or in either the low or medium range in a 3-range transmission. The devices must also be designed to automatically lower axles 2 and 6 to normal contact with the ground when the transmission is shifted from the applicable ranges under this division;'

2 Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in paragraph G
in subparagraph (9) in division (f) in the 2nd line (page 4, line
8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "14,400" and inserting
4 in its place the following: '15,600'

6 Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in paragraph G
by renumbering the subparagraphs to read consecutively.

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10 Further amend the bill in Part B in paragraph E in
subparagraph (4) in the 5th line (page 5, line 19 in L.D.) by
inserting after the following: "within" the following: 'an
12 average distance of' and in the 6th line (page 5, line 20 in
L.D.) by inserting after the following: "semitrailer" the
14 following: ', exclusive of safety bumper appurtenances.'

16 Further amend the bill in Part B in paragraph E in
subparagraph (9) by striking out all of the first 3 lines (page
18 5, lines 47 to 49 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the
following:

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22 '(9) Notwithstanding section 1701, the width of the
semitrailer must be 102 inches, except that the width
24 of the rear safety bumper and appurtenances to the
safety bumper may not exceed 103 inches and except that
26 the width of a'

28 Further amend the bill in Part B in paragraph E in
subparagraph (11) in the 3rd line (page 6, line 18 in L.D.) by
striking out the following: "\$120" and inserting in its place
30 the following: '\$60' and in the 4th line (page 6, line 19 in
L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$10" and inserting in its
32 place the following: '\$5'

34 Further amend the bill in Part B in paragraph E in the last
paragraph in the first 2 lines (page 6, lines 32 and 33 in L.D.)
36 by striking out the following: "operation and"

38 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
statement of fact the following:

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42 **FISCAL NOTE**

44 This bill authorizes the operation of experimental vehicles
under the guidance of the Department of Transportation. The
46 additional fees from the experimental 6-axle units and 53-foot
semitrailers will increase Highway Fund revenue in an amount that
48 can not be determined at this time. The Department of
Transportation will be able to implement the program with
existing budgeted staff and resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment makes several minor changes to the bill. The amendment:

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1. Increases the maximum length of the 6-axle single unit forest products vehicle to 41 feet;

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2. Increases the maximum steering axle weight for the 6-axle vehicle to 15,600 pounds;

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3. Revises requirements for the rear underride bumper guard on the 53-foot semitrailer vehicle to allow for minor variations in centering the bumper;

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4. Reduces the permit fee for the 53-foot semitrailer to \$60 per year or \$5 per month; and

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5. Makes other technical changes and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by Senator Theriault for the Committee on Transportation.
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