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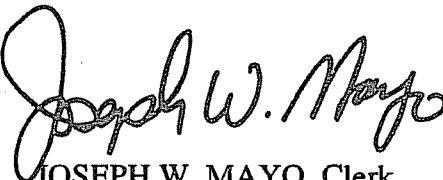
No. 174

H.P. 133

House of Representatives, January 26, 1993

An Act Concerning Truck Weight Limits.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CATHCART of Orono.

Cosponsored by Representatives DAGGETT of Augusta, MITCHELL of Freeport, RUHLIN of Brewer, STEVENS of Orono, Senator O'DEA of Penobscot.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §246, first ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 528, §§1 and 16, is further amended to read:

~~With each application for registration of motor trucks, tractors and truck tractors shall be paid an annual registration fee graduated as follows when~~ For a motor truck, tractor or truck tractor equipped with pneumatic tires, the following annual registration fee schedule applies.

From 0 pounds gross weight to 6,000 pounds gross weight	\$22
From 6,001 pounds gross weight to 9,000 pounds gross weight	\$28
From 9,001 pounds gross weight to 12,000 pounds gross weight	\$45
From 12,001 pounds gross weight to 14,000 pounds gross weight	\$78
From 14,001 pounds gross weight to 16,000 pounds gross weight	\$102
From 16,001 pounds gross weight to 18,000 pounds gross weight	\$127
From 18,001 pounds gross weight to 20,000 pounds gross weight	\$158
From 20,001 pounds gross weight to 23,000 pounds gross weight	\$185
From 23,001 pounds gross weight to 26,000 pounds gross weight	\$217
From 26,001 pounds gross weight to 28,000 pounds gross weight	\$262
From 28,001 pounds gross weight to 32,000 pounds gross weight	\$303
From 32,001 pounds gross weight to 34,000 pounds gross weight	\$337
From 34,001 pounds gross weight to 38,000 pounds gross weight	\$374
From 38,001 pounds gross weight to 40,000 pounds gross weight	\$398

2	From 40,001 pounds gross weight to 42,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$421
4		
6	From 42,001 pounds gross weight to 45,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$445
8		
10	From 45,001 pounds gross weight to 48,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$492
12		
14	From 48,001 pounds gross weight to 51,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$528
16		
18	From 51,001 pounds gross weight to 54,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$563
20		
22	From 54,001 pounds gross weight to 55,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$575
24		
26	From 55,001 pounds gross weight to 60,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$635
28		
30	From 60,001 pounds gross weight to 65,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$694
32		
34	From 65,001 pounds gross weight to 69,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$757
36		
38	From 69,001 pounds gross weight to 72,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$792
40		
42	From 72,001 pounds gross weight to 75,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$816
44		
46	From 75,001 pounds gross weight to 78,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$852
48		
50	From 78,001 pounds gross weight to 80,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$872
	From 80,001 pounds gross weight to 90,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$977

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §1652, sub-§1, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1991, c. 691, §1, is amended to read:

A. A vehicle or combination of vehicles may not be operated, or caused to be operated, on or over any way or bridge when the gross weight, actual weight of vehicle and load, exceeds 90,000 80,000 pounds. Vehicles having 2 axles may

not be operated, or caused to be operated, when the gross weight exceeds 34,000 pounds. A vehicle or combination of vehicles having 3 axles may not be operated, or caused to be operated, when the gross weight exceeds 54,000 pounds. A vehicle or combination of vehicles having 4 axles or, except as provided in paragraph G, any single unit vehicle having 5 or more axles, may not be operated, or caused to be operated, when the gross weight exceeds 69,000 pounds. ~~Except as provided in paragraphs E, F and H,~~ a vehicle or combination of vehicles having 5 or more axles may not be operated, or caused to be operated, when the gross weight exceeds 80,000 pounds. Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, a vehicle may be operated, or caused to be operated on the Interstate Highway System, as defined in the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956, with a gross weight that does not exceed the following formula, or 80,000 pounds, whichever is less:

$$W = 500 \left(\frac{LN}{N-1} + 12N + 36 \right)$$

W = overall gross weight on any group of 2 or more consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds

L = overall distance in feet between the extreme of any group of 2 or more consecutive axles

N = number of axles in group under consideration.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §1652, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 1991, c. 307, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §1652, sub-§1, ¶F, as amended by PL 1991, c. 837, Pt. A, §72, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 29 MRSA §1652, sub-§1, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 410, Pt. A, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (8) to read:

(8) When operating a 6-axle single unit vehicle:

(a) The vehicle must be registered for at least 77,200 pounds;

(b) Only forest products may be carried;

(c) A special commodity permit in accordance with section 1655 must be obtained;

2 (d) All liftable axles must be in contact with
4 the ground except that axles 2 and 6 may be
6 temporarily lifted when necessary during cornering
8 operations. Immediately following this cornering
10 operation, the axles must be lowered to full
12 contact with the ground. Axles 2 and 6, if
14 liftable, must be fitted with interlock devices
16 that prevent the operator from lifting the axle or
18 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;

20 (e) The maximum permitted gross vehicle weight is
85,000 80,000 pounds;

22 (f) The maximum weight of the steering axle may
24 not exceed 15,600 pounds and the maximum weight of
each of the other axles of the vehicle may not
exceed 15,000 pounds;

26 (g) The following forgiveness provisions are
28 granted on the gross vehicle weight and axle
weight limits:

30 Gross vehicle weight

32	85,001-lbs-to-87,499-lbs--Fine-waived	
34	87,500-lbs-to-89,999-lbs--Fine-reduced	
		-50%
36	90,000-lbs-or-more	Full-fine
38	<u>80,001 lbs to 82,499 lbs</u>	<u>Fine waived</u>
	<u>82,500 lbs to 84,999 lbs</u>	<u>Fine reduced 50%</u>
40	<u>85,000 lbs or more</u>	<u>Full fine</u>

42 Axle weight

44	Steering axle	No forgiveness granted
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46 Axles 2 to 6:

	15,001 lbs to 15,999 lbs	Fine waived
48	16,000 lbs to 16,499 lbs	Fine reduced
		2/3
50	16,500 lbs to 16,999 lbs	Fine reduced

