

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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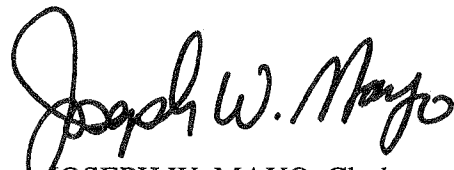
H.P. 25

House of Representatives, January 9, 1997

**An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Department of Transportation to Designate Truck Routes.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHEELER of Bridgewater.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: McALEVEY of Waterboro, O'NEAL of Limestone,  
PINKHAM of Lamoine.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2395, sub-§1**, as corrected by RR 1995, c.  
1, §26, is amended to read:

6 **1. Right of the Department of Transportation.** The  
8 Department of Transportation may restrict the weight or passage  
of any vehicle, including trucks, over any way when, in its  
10 judgment, such passage would be unsafe or likely to cause  
excessive damage to the way or bridge. The department may also  
12 designate truck routes. Nothing in this Title may be construed  
to restrict or abridge this right.

14 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2395, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1993, c.  
16 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

18 **7. Violation.** A violation of this section is a traffic  
infraction punishable by a fine, which may not be suspended, or  
20 of not less than \$250, except that the maximum fine for a truck  
violating this section is \$50.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill clarifies that the Department of Transportation  
26 may restrict the passage of trucks over ways and bridges and may  
designate truck routes when the department determines such  
28 passage would be unsafe or is likely to cause excessive damage.  
It also specifies that the maximum fine for violating these  
30 provisions is \$50.