

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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Legislative Document

No. 1298

S.P. 403

In Senate, March 4, 1997

**An Act Regarding Restrictions Placed on Certain Motor Vehicles That  
Travel on a Public Way.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative: STEDMAN of Hartland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2395, sub-§7,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.  
683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6 **7. Violation.** A violation of this section is a traffic  
8 infraction punishable by a fine, which may not be suspended, or  
10 of not less than \$250. If injury or death arises out of a  
violation of this section, than the fine, which may not be  
suspended, is not less than \$1,000.

12 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2396, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.  
14 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

16 **3. Gravel.** A load of gravel, sand, crushed stone, rubbish,  
18 wood chips, building debris or trash must be ~~eevered-or-otherwise~~  
~~seecured-er~~ confined to prevent any portion of the load from  
falling from or spilling out of the vehicle.

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22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill increases the minimum fine for violating weight or  
26 passage restrictions on ways requiring special protection to  
\$1,000 if death or injury arises out of that violation.

28 The bill simplifies the law concerning transportation of  
30 gravel, sand and other loose products of debris by requiring that  
32 any such loads be confined to prevent falling or spillage rather  
than being covered or otherwise secured.