

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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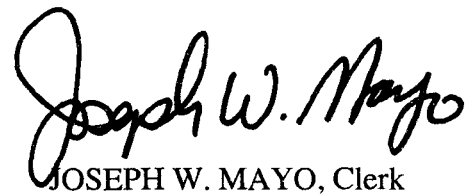
H.P. 562

House of Representatives, January 28, 1999

**An Act to Require That Farm Tractors and Skidders Driven on a Public  
Way be Registered and Insured.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRACY of Rome.

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

2           **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §510**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A,  
4           §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6           **§510. Exemption from registration**

8           **1. Tractors used for farming.** Registration or a license is  
10           not required for a tractor or trailer used solely for farming  
12           purposes when operated ~~to or from~~ on:

12           A. The premises where kept; or

14           B. A farm lot ~~and between farm lots~~, when used for farm  
16           purposes by the owner ~~or~~.

18           C. ~~A filling station or garage for fuel or repairs.~~

20           **2. Skidder.** Registration is not required for a log skidder  
22           used solely for logging purposes when operated ~~to or from~~ on:

22           A. The premises where kept ~~and a woodlot, or between~~  
24           ~~woodlots used for logging purposes by the owner of the log~~  
26           ~~skidder or the owner's employee; or~~

28           B. ~~A filling station or garage for fuel or repairs.~~

30           C. A woodlot used for logging purposes.

32           ~~Chains attached to the tires or wheels of the skidder must be~~  
34           ~~removed prior to operation on a paved way.~~

36           **3. Tractors used for logging.** Registration is not required  
38           for a converted motor vehicle used as a tractor when used solely  
40           for logging purposes when operated ~~to or from~~ on:

42           A. The premises where the tractor is kept; or

44           B. A woodlot ~~and between woodlots~~ used for logging purposes  
46           by the owner ~~or~~.

48           C. ~~A filling station or garage for fuel or repairs.~~

50           **4. Privilege to operate a farm tractor suspended.** If a  
52           person's license has been revoked or suspended, that person may  
54           not operate a farm tractor on a public way ~~except as provided in~~  
56           ~~subsection 1, paragraphs A and B~~ until the Secretary of State  
58           reinstates that person's license or issues to that person another  
60           license.

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## SUMMARY

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This bill requires tractors and skidders driven on public roads to be registered and be covered by liability insurance.