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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 845, L.D. 1179, Bill, "An Act to Amend Weight Requirement Inequalities Between Hauling Wood Products and Hauling Other Products"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2357, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

2. **Tolerance.** A vehicle qualifying under this section is not in violation if its gross vehicle weight does not exceed 110% of the maximum gross vehicle weight established in section 2353, subsection 1 and the maximum axle loads do not exceed:

A. For a single-axle unit, 24,200 26,000 pounds;

B. For a tandem-axle unit, 46,000 54,000 pounds; and

C. For a tri-axle unit, 54,000 64,000 pounds; and

~~D. On the tri-axle unit of a 4-axle single-unit vehicle hauling forest products, 64,000 pounds.~~

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2357, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Over-limit trucks. For vehicles operating at:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 845, L.D. 1179

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- A. One hundred twenty percent to under 140% of either the gross vehicle weights or axle weights allowed under section 2353, the fines established in section 2360, subsection 3 are doubled;
- B. One hundred forty percent to under 160% of either the gross vehicle weights or the axle weights allowed under section 2353, the fines are tripled; and
- C. One hundred sixty percent or over of either the gross vehicle weights or axle weights allowed under section 2353, the fines are quadrupled.

Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF THE
Bureau of Motor Vehicles**

Positions - Legislative Count	(1,000)
Personal Services	28,257
All Other	5,121

Allocates funds for one additional Clerk Typist III position needed to administer the increased number of trucks registering at a higher weight category.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
TOTAL**

\$33,378'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

2000-01

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

Highway Fund	\$33,378
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REVENUES

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 Highway Fund \$241,040

4 The establishment of a higher weight category for truck
6 registrations will increase Highway Fund revenue by \$241,040 in
8 fiscal year 2000-01 and by an annual amount of \$262,000 beginning
10 in fiscal year 2001-02.

12 The bill includes a Highway Fund allocation of \$33,378 in
14 fiscal year 2000-01 to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles within the
16 Department of the Secretary of State for the costs of an
18 additional Clerk Typist III position needed to administer the
20 number of trucks registering in the new higher weight category.
22 The estimated future costs are \$36,847 and \$37,001 in fiscal
24 years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively.

26 The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from
28 reductions of workload and administrative costs associated with
30 the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the
court system. This bill may also both increase and decrease the
collection of fines.'

SUMMARY

26 This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It
28 increases the axle weights allowed for single-, tandem- and
30 tri-axle units. The amendment also removes a redundant provision
of law. For vehicles found in excess of the limits set in this
bill, the fines are increased.