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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1443, L.D. 2064, Bill, "An Act to Increase Load Weight on Farm Vehicles"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph T in the 2nd line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$424" and inserting in its place the following: '\$446'

Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of subsection 9 and inserting in its place the following:

'9. Seasonal axle weight limit exemption; farm vehicles transporting potatoes. The axle weight limits established in chapter 21, subchapter I do not apply to farm vehicles transporting potatoes from the field to a storage or processing facility during the potato harvesting season. To be eligible for this exemption, the vehicle must be in compliance with the gross weight limits of chapter 21 and must have at least 8,000 pounds on the steering axle.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

Increasing the maximum allowable weight for farm vehicle registrations is likely to increase Highway Fund revenue collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles within the Department of the Secretary of State. The amounts can not be determined at this time.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment corrects a fee amount proposed in the bill and clarifies that the seasonal axle weight limit exemption applies only to farm vehicles transporting potatoes during the potato harvesting season from the field to a place of storage or processing and only when the vehicle complies with the gross weight limits of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, chapter 21 and has at least 8,000 pounds on the steering axle. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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