

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 629

House of Representatives, February 15, 2001

**Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Transportation to Designate  
Routes for Over-limit Vehicles.**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative HALL of Bristol.  
Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and  
Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, GOODWIN of  
Pembroke, MICHAUD of Fort Kent, MORRISON of Baileyville, PARADIS of Frenchville,  
SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SMITH of Van Buren.

**Sec. 1. Designation of routes for over-limit vehicles. Resolved:**

2 That the Department of Transportation shall designate approved  
3 routes for vehicles in excess of the weight limits specified in  
4 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, chapter 21 to allow  
5 over-limit vehicles to enter Maine from United States Customs  
6 Service ports of entry between Maine and Canada and travel up to  
7 10 miles on highways in this State. The department shall  
8 establish new weight limits for those roads that are as follows:

10 1. For vehicles entering this State from the ports of entry  
11 in Madawaska, Van Buren, Houlton and Calais, the maximum weight  
12 limits must be those limits in effect in the Province of New  
13 Brunswick; and

14 2. For vehicles entering this State from the port of entry  
15 in Jackman, the maximum weight limits must be those limits in  
16 effect in the Province of Quebec; and be it further

18 **Sec. 2. Fees for over-limit vehicles. Resolved:** That the  
19 Department of Transportation shall establish a schedule of fees  
20 for over-limit vehicles traveling the routes designated pursuant  
21 to section 1. The fees must be based on the amount of additional  
22 maintenance to state roads that will be incurred by allowing  
23 over-limit vehicles on those roads.  
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26 **SUMMARY**

28 This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to  
29 designate routes that may be traveled by vehicles that exceed the  
30 weight limits established in the Maine Revised Statutes from  
31 ports of entry from the provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick to  
32 no more than 10 miles into Maine. The department is required to  
33 establish weight limits for those routes that correspond to the  
34 maximum weight limits of vehicles established in Quebec and New  
35 Brunswick. This resolve also requires the department to  
36 establish a fee schedule for those over-limit vehicles that takes  
37 into account the additional wear and tear on those routes by the  
38 over-limit vehicles.