

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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Legislative Document

No. 989

S.P. 278

In Senate, February 20, 2001

**An Act to Strengthen Truck Weight Laws to Deter Gross Vehicle Weight Violations.**

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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 SAVAGE of Knox.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, FISHER of Brewer, GLYNN of South Portland, KASPRZAK of Newport, McKENNEY of Cumberland, McNEIL of Rockland, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

**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~~ 50,000 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 with a vehicle weight that is:

A. At least 120% but less than 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. At least 140% but less than 160% of either the gross vehicle weights or the axle weights allowed under section 2353, the fines established in section 2360, subsection 3 are tripled; and

C. At least 160% of either the gross vehicle weights or axle weights allowed under section 2353, the fines established in section 2360, subsection 3 are quadrupled.

**SUMMARY**

The bill increases the axle weights allowed for single-axle, tandem-axle and tri-axle trucks. This bill also increases the fines for trucks found in excess of the axle weight limits.