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House of Representatives, March 6, 2003

### **An Act To Penalize Timberland Owners rather than Truckers for Hauling Weight Violations**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative JACKSON of Fort Kent.  
Cosponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset and  
Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, COLLINS of Wells, DUGAY of Cherryfield,  
HATCH of Skowhegan, JODREY of Bethel, MARRACHÉ of Waterville, PARADIS of  
Frenchville, USHER of Westbrook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2360, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.  
683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6 **1. Violation of weight provision.** A Except as provided in  
7 subsection 18, a person who operates or causes operation of a  
8 motor vehicle in violation of a weight provision for any axle or  
9 group of axles or gross vehicle weight commits a traffic  
10 infraction.

12 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2360, sub-§18** is enacted to read:

14 **18. Violation; landowner.** For a motor vehicle carrying  
15 forest products and weighing in excess of 110,000 pounds, the  
16 landowner, if the landowner causes the motor vehicle to be loaded  
17 in excess of the weight limit, is responsible for the fine  
18 pursuant to subsection 3. For purposes of this subsection,  
19 "landowner" means the landowner whose name appears on the trip  
20 ticket required under Title 10, section 2364-B, subsection 1.

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23 **SUMMARY**

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25 This bill makes a landowner, if the landowner causes the  
26 motor vehicle to be loaded in excess of the weight limit, instead  
27 of the operator driving the motor vehicle, responsible for the  
28 fine for a motor vehicle carrying forest products and weighing in  
excess of 110,000 pounds.