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House of Representatives, March 27, 2003

An Act To Repeal the Provision of Law Requiring Permits for 53-foot Trailers

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative USHER of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset and
Representatives: COLLINS of Wells, McNEIL of Rockland.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §511, sub-§1, ¶¶B and C**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 790, Pt. C, §13 and affected by §19, are further amended to read:

6 B. The fee is ~~\$18~~ \$20 for a camp trailer exceeding 2,000
8 pounds.

10 C. The fee is ~~\$18~~ \$20 for a semitrailer exceeding 2,000
12 pounds.

14 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §512, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 683, Pt. A, §17 and c. 776, §15, is further amended to read:

16 B. The fee is ~~\$10~~ \$12 for each semitrailer, and the fee is
18 \$5 for each trailer of not more than 2,000 pounds gross
 vehicle weight.

20 Fees for the first 3 years of a registration may not be
22 refunded. Fees for the 4th and subsequent years may be
24 refunded prior to the start of the registration year
26 provided that the registration plate and certificate are
28 returned to the Secretary of State. After the start of the
 registration year, fees for the current year may be refunded
 if the plate and certificate are returned within 120 days
 and the Secretary of State is satisfied that the credentials
 were not used during the registration period.

30 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §512, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

32 A. The fee for each registration is ~~\$10~~ \$12 per year or
34 portion of a year. The Secretary of State shall establish a
36 procedure to bill each registrant using semipermanent
38 semitrailer registrations once annually except the billing
40 at the time of purchase of a full 20-year registration must
42 be for a 3-year period. Fees for the first 3 years are
44 nonrefundable. A fee for a registration of less than 20
 years must be prorated accordingly. If any registrant fails
 to remit the payment in a timely manner, the Secretary of
 State shall suspend all registrations issued to that
 registrant pursuant to this subsection.

46 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §2390, sub-§1, ¶J**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 267, §13 and affected by §16, is further amended by repealing
48 subparagraph (11).

50 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §2390, sub-§1, ¶J**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 267, §13 and affected by §16, is further amended by enacting a
 new subparagraph (13) to read:

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(13) The maximum gross weight of the truck tractor and semitrailer combination may not exceed 80,000 pounds or the maximum gross vehicle weight permitted by chapter 21, subchapter 1, whichever is less, whenever the vehicle is traveling on the Maine Turnpike or on Interstate 95 from the southern terminus of the Maine Turnpike to the New Hampshire state line.

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SUMMARY

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This bill increases the annual registration fee for a camp trailer or semitrailer exceeding 2,000 pounds from \$18 to \$20. It increases the fee for a semipermanent registration plate from \$10 to \$12 for each semitrailer and increases the fee for a 20-year semipermanent semitrailer registration plate from \$10 to \$12 per year for each registration. It repeals the requirement that a 53-foot semitrailer permit must be obtained from the Secretary of State in order for a single semitrailer whose total length exceeds 48 feet but does not exceed 53 feet to be operated in combination with a truck tractor on certain highways. It provides that the maximum gross weight of such a vehicle may not exceed 80,000 pounds or the maximum gross vehicle weight permitted by law, whichever is less, whenever the vehicle is traveling on the Maine Turnpike or on Interstate 95 from the southern terminus of the Maine Turnpike to the New Hampshire state line.