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Date: 4/3/07

L.D. 9  
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**TRANSPORTATION**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 10, L.D. 9, Bill, "An Act To Continue the Axle Weight Law Changes beyond September 15, 2007"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** statutory adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature is June 20, 2007; and

**Whereas,** Public Law 2005, chapter 426 is repealed September 15, 2007 and this legislation repeals that sunset; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

**'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2360-A, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

**3. Repeal. This section is repealed September 15, 2009.'**

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

**'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 10, L.D. 9

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**SUMMARY**

2       This committee amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to  
3 the bill and adds a sunset of September 15, 2009 to that portion of law that eliminates  
4 axle weight fine violations during the months of January and February on most state  
5 roads.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 9

LR 387(02)

An Act To Continue the Axle Weight Law Changes beyond September 15, 2007

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"  
Committee: Transportation  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Undetermined current biennium cost increase - Highway Fund  
Undetermined current biennium revenue decrease - Highway Fund  
Undetermined current biennium revenue decrease - General Fund  
Undetermined current biennium revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation reduces the fines assessed for excessive vehicle weight violations by changing the methodology of fine calculations for 4 and 6 axle trucks and eliminates all axle fines during January and February. The estimated loss of General Fund, Highway Fund and Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund revenue can not be determined at this time due to the Judicial Department's inability to differentiate violator-specific axle and weight information.

Reducing and eliminating certain fines for overweight vehicles will also result in increased non-compliance with overweight vehicle restrictions, thereby increasing damage to the state's highway system. The repair costs to the Highway Fund can not be determined at this time.