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An Act To Allow a Weight Tolerance for Vehicle Auxiliary Power Units

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

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Presented by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska.
Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and
Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, JACKSON of Allagash,
MARLEY of Portland, MAZUREK of Rockland, THOMAS of Ripley.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:
3	7-A. Auxiliary power unit. "Auxiliary power unit" means an integrated system
4	<u>that:</u>
5	A. Provides heat, air conditioning, engine warming or electricity components on a
6	heavy duty vehicle; and
7	B. Is certified by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection
8 9	Agency under 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 89 as meeting emissions standards.
10	Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§27-A is enacted to read:
11	27-A. Heavy duty vehicle. "Heavy duty vehicle" means a vehicle powered by a
12	diesel engine that has a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 8,500 pounds.
13	Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2360, sub-§18 is enacted to read:
14	18. Exception to fine schedule for vehicle auxiliary power units. For a heavy
15	duty vehicle equipped with an auxiliary power unit, the gross vehicle weight or axle
16	weight used to determine the fine for a violation under this section is the actual gross
17	vehicle weight or axle weight reduced by 400 pounds.
18	SUMMARY
19	This bill extends a weight tolerance for vehicle auxiliary power units in the laws
20	governing highway weight limits for vehicles.