

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 562

House of Representatives, February 13, 2007

### **An Act Regarding When an Overweight Truck May Be Required To Unload**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative JACKSON of Allagash.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and  
Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, Senators:  
MARTIN of Aroostook, SHERMAN of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2358, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and  
3 affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

4 **6. Unloading excess.** When an officer determines that a vehicle exceeds the  
5 permitted weight, the officer must require the operator to stop the vehicle in a designated  
6 place.

7 The vehicle may not proceed until the operator has reduced the weight to permitted  
8 limits; except that if the excess weight does not exceed 2,000 pounds or an officer  
9 determines that a combination vehicle consisting of a 3-axle truck tractor with a tri-axle  
10 semitrailer exceeds the permitted gross vehicle weight allowed under section 2354 by  
11 10% or less, an officer may permit the vehicle to proceed without unloading. The officer  
12 may summons the owner or driver of that vehicle.

13 An officer, the State or a political subdivision is not responsible for loss or damage to a  
14 vehicle or its contents as a result of unloading.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 The bill allows a state police officer to permit an overweight combination vehicle  
17 consisting of a 3-axle truck tractor with a tri-axle semitrailer to proceed without  
18 unloading if the vehicle does not exceed by more than 10% the gross vehicle weight  
19 allowed in law.