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

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, DILL of Cape
Elizabeth, EBERLE of South Portland, SIROIS of Turner, Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

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 that:

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 Agency under 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 89 as meeting emissions
9 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.

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