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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 341

House of Representatives, March 8, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Keene from Committee on Ways and
Bridges and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Amend Section Forty-nine of Chapter Two Hun-
dred and Eleven of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred
and Twenty-one, Relative to the Weight of Heavy Vehicles.

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

Section forty-nine of chapter two hundred and eleven of
2 the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one is here-
3 by amended by inserting after the word "act" and before
4 the word "the" in the next to the last line of said section,
5 the following: 'Provided, however, that the gross weight
6 of any such vehicle distributed on four wheels may be in-
7 creased to twenty thousand pounds if the weight upon any
8 wheel concentrated upon the road surface does not exceed

9 six hundred pounds to an inch width of tire, measured be-
10 tween the flanges of the rim, and if the weight on any one
11 axle imparted to the road surface does not exceed sixteen
12 thousand pounds,' so that said section when amended will
13 read as follows:

'Sect. 49. No truck, tractor on wheels, trailer or other
2 commercial vehicle having a gross weight of more than
3 eighteen thousand pounds distributed by four wheels on
4 a road surface or having a gross weight on any one axle
5 exceeding thirteen thousand, five hundred pounds imparted
6 to a road surface, shall be operated over any way or bridge;
7 except that when the gross weight is distributed on the road
8 surface upon six or more wheels by the combined use of
9 a trailer or otherwise so that the imparted weight from any
10 one axle shall not exceed thirteen thousand, five hundred
11 pounds, the permissible gross weight of a vehicle or ve-
12 hicles thus combined may be increased not exceeding fifty
13 per cent. But no vehicle having a load of over seven hun-
14 dred pounds per inch width of tire upon any wheel con-
15 centrated upon the road surface, said width to be measured
16 between the flanges of the rim, shall be operated upon any
17 way or bridge; except in special cases under special per-
18 mit to be granted by the commission for greater weights
19 as elsewhere provided in this act. Provided, however, that
20 the gross weight of any such vehicle distributed on four
21 wheels may be increased to twenty thousand pounds if the
22 weight upon any wheel concentrated upon the road surface

23 does not exceed six hundred pounds to an inch width of
24 tire, measured between the flanges of the rim, and if the
25 weight on any one axle imparted to the road surface does
26 not exceed sixteen thousand pounds. The terms "gross
27 weight" shall mean the actual weight of the vehicle and
28 load.'