

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 664

H. P. 1090 House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Clement of Durham.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Weight of Commercial Vehicles.

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

Weight of commercial vehicles limited. Section fifty-six of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the next to the last line of said section after the word "pounds" the following words: 'Provided further, however, that the gross weight of any such vehicle distributed on four wheels, equipped with pneumatic tires, may be increased to twenty-six thousand pounds if the weight upon any wheel concentrated upon the road surface does not exceed six hundred pounds to an inch width of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim, and if the weight on any one axle imparted to the road surface does not exceed eighteen thousand pounds,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 56. Weight of commercial vehicles limited. No truck, tractor on wheels, trailer, or other commercial vehicle having a gross weight of more than eighteen thousand pounds distributed by four wheels on a road surface or having a gross weight on any one axle exceeding thirteen thousand, five hundred pounds imparted to a road surface, shall be operated over any way or bridge; except that when the gross weight is distributed on the road surface upon six or more wheels by the

combined use of a trailer, or otherwise, so that the imparted weight from any one axle shall not exceed thirteen thousand, five hundred pounds, the permissible gross weight of a vehicle or vehicles thus combined may be increased not exceeding fifty per cent. But no vehicle having a load of over seven hundred pounds per inch width of tire upon any wheel concentrated upon the road surface, said width to be measured between the flanges of the rim, shall be operated upon any way or bridge, except in special cases under special permit to be granted by the state highway commission for greater weights as elsewhere provided in this chapter. Provided, however, that the gross weight of any such vehicle distributed on four wheels may be increased to twenty thousand pounds if the weight upon any wheel concentrated upon the road surface does not exceed six hundred pounds to an inch width of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim, and if the weight on any one axle imparted to the road surface does not exceed sixteen thousand pounds. Provided further, however, that the gross weight of any such vehicle distributed on four wheels, equipped with pneumatic tires, may be increased to twenty-six thousand pounds if the weight upon any wheel concentrated upon the road surface does not exceed six hundred pounds to an inch width of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim, and if the weight of any one axle imparted to the road surface does not exceed eighteen thousand pounds. The term "gross weight" shall mean the actual weight of the vehicle and load.'