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House of Representatives, March 21, 1939.

Reported by Mr. Paul from Committee on Motor Vehicles and laid on table to be printed under Joint Rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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### S T A T E   O F   M A I N E

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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#### AN ACT Relating to the Weight of Commercial Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 29, § 56, amended. Section 56 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby repealed and the following is enacted in place thereof:

‘Sec. 56. Weight of commercial vehicles limited. No motor truck, trailer, tractor, combination of truck tractor and semi-trailer or other commercial vehicle shall be operated over any way or bridge when the gross weight (actual weight of vehicle and load) exceeds 40,000 pounds. No vehicle having 2 axles shall be so operated when the gross weight is in excess of 30,000 pounds; provided, however, that no vehicle shall have a gross weight imparted to any road surface of more than 22,000 pounds on any one axle, and no vehicle having 2 or more axles less than 10 feet apart shall be operated with more than 16,000 pounds imparted to the road surface from either axle; provided further, that no vehicle shall be so operated when the load imparted to the road surface is greater than 600 pounds per inch of width of tire (manufacturer’s rating); except that, in special cases, special permits for greater gross weights may be granted by the state highway commission or such appropriate commission or official as is duly authorized elsewhere in this chapter.’