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Legislative Document

No. 150

S. P. 120

In Senate, January 23, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Motor Vehicles. Sent down for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Sanborn of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

**AN ACT Making Uniform Registration Standards of Weight and Length
of Trucks in the Northeastern States.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 29, § 54, amended. The following paragraph of subsection lettered "c" of section 54 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'And provided further, that no motor vehicle, including trucks, combination of tractor and semi-trailer, passenger busses and passenger cars shall exceed in length 40 35 feet over all and no trailer attached to a motor vehicle shall exceed in length 26 feet over all, **and no combination of motor vehicle, truck, tractor and semi-trailer, passenger bus, trailer or semi-trailer shall exceed 50 feet in length.**'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 29, § 54, amended. The following paragraph of subsection lettered "e" of section 54 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'In computation of fees for a combination of truck tractor and semi-trailer, the vehicle to be registered for carrying capacity shall be the truck tractor which shall take the same rating as a truck of similar capacity;

provided, however, that no motor vehicle of either a single unit or combined unit shall be operated on the highway with a load that exceeds ~~40,000~~ 60,000 pounds, gross weight of vehicle and load.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 29, § 56, amended. Section 56 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'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~~ 60,000 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~~ 18,000 pounds on any 1 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~~ 800 pounds per inch 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.'