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S. P. 258

In Senate, February 4, 1941.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Libby of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to the Weight of 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 is hereby 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~~ **50,000** 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 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 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.'