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Legislative Document

No. 525

S. P. 323

In Senate, February 6, 1941.

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Batchelder of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

**AN ACT Providing for the Use of the Highways by Motor Vehicles
Transporting Property for Hire.**

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

P. L., 1933, c. 259, § 8, amended. Section 8 (A) of chapter 259 of the public laws of 1933, as amended, hereby is amended to read as follows:

‘(A) Length of duty of driver limited. It shall be unlawful for any driver to operate, or for the holder of any certificate or permit to require or permit any driver to operate, any motor vehicle for the transportation of freight for hire on the highways of this state, when the driver has been continuously on duty in any capacity for more than ~~12~~ 10 hours, and after a driver has been continuously on duty in any capacity for ~~12~~ 10 hours it shall be unlawful for him to operate, or for the holder of a certificate or permit to permit him to operate, any such motor vehicle on the highways of this state until he shall have had at least 8 consecutive hours off duty.

It shall be unlawful for any driver to operate, or for the holder of a certificate or permit to require or permit any driver to operate, any motor vehicle for the transportation of freight for hire on the highways of this state when the driver has been on duty in any capacity more than ~~16~~ 12 hours in the aggregate in any 24-hour period, and when a driver has been on duty in any capacity ~~16~~ 12 hours in any 24-hour period, it shall be

unlawful for him to operate, or for the holder of a certificate or permit to require or permit him to operate, a motor vehicle on the highways of this state until he shall have had at least 10 consecutive hours off duty. Periods of release from duty herein required shall be given at such places and under such circumstances that rest and relaxation from the strain of the duties of the employment may be obtained. No period off duty shall be deemed to break the continuity of service unless it be for at least 3 consecutive hours at a place where there is opportunity for a rest. In case of an unforeseen emergency the driver or chauffeur may complete his run or tour of duty if such run or tour of duty, but for the delay caused by such emergency, would reasonably have been completed without a violation of this section.'