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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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Legislative Document

No. 1242

S. P. 597

In Senate, January 14, 1942.

Referred to Committee on Motor Vehicles. Sent down for concurrence and 1000 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Sanborn of Cumberland by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-TWO

AN ACT Relating to Weight of Commercial Vehicles.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, Italy, Japan and other foreign countries; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature this fact creates an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and requires the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 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~~ 45,000 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.'

Sec. 2. Duration of act. This act shall remain in force and effect only during the existence of war between the United States and any foreign country, and for 6 months thereafter.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.