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No. 735

H. P. 770

House of Representatives, February 17, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Woodcock of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

**AN ACT Requiring Certain Truck Owners to File Names of Agents for
Certain Purposes.**

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

R. S., c. 19, § 27, amended. Section 27 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 27. Truck, tractor, trailer, or semi-trailer, with a load greater than that specified on registration certificate not to be operated on highway. No person shall operate, or cause to be operated, any truck, tractor, trailer or combination of truck tractor and semi-trailer, with a load that is more than 10% above that specified in the registration certificate for such vehicle for trucks of gross weight of not over 15,000 pounds and 5% for trucks of gross weight of over 15,000 pounds; 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 50,000 pounds, gross weight of vehicle and load.

No person, firm, or corporation shall, as a condition of employment, or otherwise, require or knowingly permit the operation of any vehicle on the highway with a load greater than permitted by this statute.

Any penalty for the violation of this section may be imposed on either the operator or whoever requires, or knowingly permits, such operation, or

may be imposed on both, except that those operators employed by carriers holding permits or certificates from the Maine public utilities commission, who have not participated in loading the vehicle, shall not be subject to penalty.

Each carrier holding a permit or certificate from the Maine public utilities commission shall file with the secretary of state and the Maine state police in writing an appointment of a resident of this state to be its true and lawful agent, representative or attorney upon whom all lawful processes regarding any violation of this section may be served, and who may be required to appear in court on behalf of the carrier with the same legal force and validity as if the carrier itself were in court with regard to said violation.'