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In Senate, January 10, 1957.

Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent down for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Cole of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Weight of Commercial Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 16, sub-§ III, amended. The 6th paragraph of subsection III of section 16 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'No motor vehicle, or combination of motor vehicle and trailer or semi-trailer, shall exceed in length ~~45~~ 50 feet over all including all structural parts thereof, permanent or temporary; ~~provided, however, that the load on any motor vehicle, including trucks, combination of tractor and semi-trailer, passenger buses and passenger cars, and the load on any trailer, may extend not exceeding 1 foot 6 inches beyond the rear of the maximum permissible structural length of such motor vehicle or tractor, exclusive of tailboard.~~

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 109, amended. Section 109 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 109. Weight of commercial vehicles limited.** No motor truck, trailer, tractor, combination of truck tractor and semi-trailer, or other commercial vehicle shall be operated, or caused to be operated, on or over any way or bridge when the gross weight, actual weight of vehicle and load, exceeds ~~50,000~~ 60,000 pounds. No vehicle having 2 axles shall be so operated, or caused to be operated, when the gross weight exceeds 32,000 pounds, **no vehicle having 3 axles shall be so operated, or caused to be operated, when the gross weight exceeds 50,000 pounds and no vehicle having 4 or more axles shall be so operated, or caused to be operated, when the gross weight exceeds 60,000 pounds.** The operation of

the vehicle shall be prima facie evidence that said operation was caused by the person, firm or corporation holding the permit or certificate for said vehicle from the Public Utilities Commission.

No Two or more axles less than 4 feet apart shall be considered as one axle and no group of axles shall carry a load in pounds in excess of the value given in the following table corresponding to the distance in feet between the extreme axles of the group, measured longitudinally to the nearest foot:

Distance in feet between the extremes of any group of axles	Maximum load in pounds carried on any group of axles	
	3 Axle Vehicles	4 or More Axle Vehicles
4 to 7, inclusive	32,000	
8	32,610	
9	33,580	
10	34,550	
11	35,510	
12	36,470	
13	37,420	
14	38,360	45,900
15	39,300	46,750
16	40,230	47,600
17	41,160	48,450
18	42,080	49,300
19	42,990	50,150
20	43,900	51,000
21	44,800	51,850
22	45,700	52,700
23	46,590	53,550
24	47,470	54,400
25	48,350	55,525
26	49,220	56,100
27 and over	50,000	56,950
28	50,000	57,800
29	50,000	58,650
30	50,000	59,520
31 and over	50,000	60,000.

~~provided, however, that no~~ **No** vehicle shall have a gross weight imparted to any road surface of more than 22,000 pounds on any one axle, and no vehicle having 2 or more axles less than 10 feet apart shall be operated, or caused to be operated, with more than ~~16,000~~ **18,000** pounds imparted to the road surface from either axle **or 32,000 pounds from both axles** ~~. provided, further, that no~~ **No** vehicle shall be so operated, or caused to be operated, when the load imparted to the road surface is greater than 600 pounds per inch width tire, manufacturer's rating ~~+. except however~~ that 3-axle trucks with brakes on the wheels of all axles hauling forest products may be operated for a gross weight of 48,000 pounds with a distance between the extreme axles of not less than 18 feet and ~~except further~~ that 3-axle trucks with brakes on the wheels of all axles hauling

construction materials may be operated for a gross weight of 48,000 pounds with a distance between the extreme axles of not less than 16 feet ~~and except.~~ **Except** that in special cases, special permits for the transportation of individual shipments in loads of 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.'