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House of Representatives, March 4, 1959

Referred to the Committee on Transportation, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stanley of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Weight of Certain Commercial Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 109, amended. The last paragraph of section 109 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 309 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended to read as follows:

‘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 | 3 axle vehicles | Maximum load in pounds carried on any group of axles |
|---|-----------------|---|
| | | 4 or more axle vehicles with adequate brakes on the wheels of all axles |
| 4 to 7 | 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 |

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|--|--------------------|---|
| 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 | 55,250 |
| 26 | 49,220 | 56,100 |
| 27 | 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 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 8 feet apart shall be operated, or caused to be operated, with more than 18,000 pounds imparted to the road surface from either axle or 32,000 pounds from both axles; provided, however, that 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 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 **and except further that 3-axle cab over engine trucks, so called, with brakes on the wheels of all axles, hauling liquid products, may be operated for a gross weight of 46,000 pounds with a distance between the extreme axles of not less than 15 feet.** All trucks with 4 or more axles shall have adequate brakes on the wheels of all axles.'