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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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as may be provided for official court reporters assigned for legislative reporting shall not be less than the salary provided for services as official court reporters.'

Effective August 8, 1953

## Chapter 415

### AN ACT Relating to Weight of Commercial Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 100, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 100 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'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
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
15 .....	39,300
16 .....	40,230
17 .....	41,160
18 .....	42,080
19 .....	42,990
20 .....	43,900
21 .....	44,800
22 .....	45,700
23 .....	46,590
24 .....	47,470
25 .....	48,350
26 .....	49,220
27 and over .....	50,000

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 two or more axles less than 10 feet apart shall be operated, or caused to 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, or caused to be operated, when the load imparted to the road surface is greater than 600 pounds per inch width of 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.'

Effective August 8, 1953

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## Chapter 416

### AN ACT Relating to Salaries of Public Utilities Commission.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 40, § 1, amended. The 1st sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 1 of chapter 40 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

'The chairman (of the public utilities commission) shall receive a salary of \$9,000 per year, and the other commissioners a salary of \$8,500 each per year.'

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund to carry out the purposes of this act the sum of \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955.

Sec. 3. Effective date. The provisions of this act shall become effective July 1, 1953.

Effective August 8, 1953