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Sec. 8. R. S., c. 22, § 139, amended. Section 139 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 139. Use of flares, lanterns and reflectors. Whenever any motor truck or truck tractor having a ~~gross weight~~ registration in excess of 15,000 pounds is disabled upon the traveled portion of the highway or shoulder next thereto, the operator thereof shall, during the time that lights are required, place 3 lighted flares or 3 red lanterns or 3 emergency reflectors on the roadway as follows: one flare or one lantern or one red emergency reflector in the center of the lane of traffic occupied by said disabled motor vehicle not less than 100 feet distant therefrom in the direction of traffic approaching in that lane, one flare or red lantern or one red emergency reflector not less than 100 feet from such vehicle in the center of said lane in the opposite direction and one flare or one red lantern or one red emergency reflector at the traffic side of such vehicle not closer than 10 feet from the front or rear thereof; except that if such vehicle shall be a vehicle used for the transportation of inflammable liquids or gas in bulk, only red electric lanterns or red emergency reflectors shall be placed as ~~above~~ provided. During such time as lights are not required, red flags shall be used in place of flares, lanterns or reflectors ~~as above specified~~, except that no flag shall be required to be placed at the side of the vehicle.'

Sec. 9. R. S., c. 22, § 139-A, amended. Section 139-A of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 256 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 139-A. Name of owner or lessee displayed. ~~All truck tractors~~ Whoever operates or causes to be operated a truck tractor shall display on both sides the name of the owner or lessee in letters not less than 2½ inches in height.'

Sec. 10. R. S., c. 22, § 150, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 150 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 322 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Court may admit evidence of the percentage by weight of alcohol in the defendant's blood at the time alleged, as shown by a chemical analysis of his breath, blood or urine.'

Sec. 11. R. S., c. 22, § 153, amended. The last paragraph of section 153 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Whoever while operating a vehicle ~~not lighted or equipped as required by~~ in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall fail or refuse when requested by an officer authorized to make arrests to give his correct name and address shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both ~~such fine and imprisonment~~.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 309

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, except fire department vehicles, 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, and any load carried thereon or therein.~~

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 with adequate brakes on the wheels of all 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	45,900
15	39,300	46,750
16	40,230	47,600

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 with adequate brakes on the wheels of all axles
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 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 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 ~~16~~ 8 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 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. All trucks with 4 or more axles shall have adequate brakes on the wheels of all axles.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22. § 36, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 36 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 18 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'No person shall operate, or cause to be operated, any truck, tractor, trailer or combination of truck tractor and semi-trailer, with a gross weight 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 gross weight that exceeds ~~50,000~~ 60,000 pounds.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 310

AN ACT Relating to Fees to Town Clerks for Certified Copies of Election Check Lists.

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

R. S., c. 5, § 25, amended. Section 25 of chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section one of chapter 204 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 25. Clerks to preserve check lists, and furnish certified copies thereof. Clerks of towns shall preserve the check lists used at any election for one year without alteration, and shall furnish to any person a certified copy thereof within 20 days after demand and payment or tender of the legal charges therefor, which shall be 75c per 100 names or part thereof, and shall without charge furnish the Governor and Council with a certified copy thereof within 20 days after demand, under the penalty provided in section 96.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 311

AN ACT Relating to Municipal Accounting and Audit.

Effective August 28, 1957

Director's note: Repealed by P. L., 1957, c. 405, § 29. See R. S., §§ 25 and 26, c. 90-A (1957, c. 405, § 1).

Chapter 312

AN ACT Relating to Sales of Milk on the Producer's Premises.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 4, amended. Section 4 of chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 341 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph, following subsection VI, to read as follows: