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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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## Chapter 351

AN ACT Relating to Weight Tolerances for Motor Vehicles Carrying Firewood, Pulpwood, Logs or Bolts.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 111-A, amended. The first sentence of section 111-A of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 266 of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

'The operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded entirely with firewood, pulpwood, logs or bolts shall not be deemed to be in violation of any of the provisions of sections 19, 36, 109, 110 and 111 relating to weights of vehicles, weights of loads, tonnages or overloads if the gross weight of such vehicle and its load does not exceed 110% of the maximum gross weight for which such vehicle is then registered nor 110% of the maximum gross weight permitted for such vehicle by the provisions of section 109, and if the weight thereof imparted to any road surface by ~~any one~~ an axle or axles does not exceed 110% of the maximum ~~single axle~~ weight permitted therefor by the provisions of section 109; provided that no vehicle loaded as aforesaid shall be deemed in violation of the above said sections if, as to each axle, the weight imparted to any road surface is not greater than the combined total of 600 pounds per inch width tire, manufacturer's rating, of all tires attached to such axle and provided further that the maximum gross vehicle weight shall not exceed the limits and tolerances established in this chapter.'

Effective September 16, 1961

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## Chapter 352

AN ACT Relating to Length of Motor Vehicle Trucks.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 16, sub-§ III, amended. The 4th paragraph from the end of subsection III of section 16 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 309 of the public laws of 1957, is further 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 ~~50~~ 55 feet over-all including all structural parts thereof, permanent or temporary, and any load carried thereon or therein.'

Effective September 16, 1961

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## Chapter 353

AN ACT Permitting Certain Commercial Vehicles to Exceed Weight Limits.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 109, amended. 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:

'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 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.

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
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 .....	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 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 2 rear axles driven and with brakes on wheels of all axles, hauling forest products may be operated upon the payment of an additional license fee of \$75 during the months of December, January and February at 15% in excess of the maximum gross weight permitted and that tractor-trailer combinations hauling forest products may be operated upon the payment of an additional license fee of \$75 during the months of December, January and February at 15% in excess of the maximum gross and axle weights permitted, not, however, permitting, validating or in any way applying to the use of the Interstate System as defined in the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956 by vehicles with weights carried on any one axle, tandem axle weights or overall gross weight or with width in excess of the applicable maximum weights or maximum widths permitted by the provisions of section 108 (j) of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956 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.'

Effective September 16, 1961

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## Chapter 354

### AN ACT Relating to the Inspection of County Jails.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 27, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. General powers. The department shall have authority to perform such acts, relating to the care, custody, treatment, relief and improvement of the inmates of the institutions under its control, as are not contrary to law; and to inspect and investigate all jails at least once each year, classify all convicts therein having regard to age, character and offenses, and to order county commissioners to make such alterations in their several jails as may be deemed necessary to classify the persons detained therein, and to require the jailers to keep such records as will facilitate the purposes of this section.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 27, § 2-A, additional. Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2-A, to read as follows: