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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## One Hundred and Fourth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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## Chapter 142

### AN ACT Relating to Distribution of Axle Loads on Commercial Vehicles.

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

**R. S., T. 29, § 1654, amended.** Section 1654 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by chapter 364 of the public laws of 1967, is amended by inserting after the 3rd paragraph, a new paragraph, as follows:

When an officer determines that a vehicle, which is within the gross maximum weight limits, is in violation of the axle weight limits, he shall permit the operator to redistribute the load once by hand before proceeding and if it then conforms to the axle weight limits of this Title, no penalty for such violation shall be imposed. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall permit, validate or in any way apply to the use of the Interstate System as defined in the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956.

Effective October 1, 1969

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## Chapter 143

### AN ACT Relating to Weight Tolerance on Building or Construction Materials.

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

**R. S., T. 29, § 1655, amended.** The first sentence of section 1655 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 2 of chapter 331 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

The operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded entirely with firewood, sawed lumber, dimension lumber, pulpwood, wood chips, logs, soils, unconsolidated rock materials or bolts or loaded entirely with farm produce or loaded with manufacturers' concrete products or building materials which absorb moisture during delivery originating and terminating within the State or dump trucks, tractor dump trucks or transit-mix concrete trucks carrying highway construction materials or the operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded with any products requiring refrigeration, whether by ice or mechanical equipment, or the operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded with raw ore from mine or quarry to place of processing, shall not be deemed to be in violation of any of the provisions of sections 246, 1652 to 1654 and 1656 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 section 1652, and if the weight thereof imparted to any road surface by an axle or axles does not exceed 110% of the maximum axle weight permitted therefor by section 1652; 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 Title.

Effective October 1, 1969

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## Chapter 144

### AN ACT Relating to Purchase of Parcels of Land by Forest Commissioner.

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

**R. S., T. 12, § 512, amended.** Section 512 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 12 of chapter 226 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

#### § 512. Acceptance of gifts

The commissioner may, with the advice and consent of the Governor and Council, **purchase, when funds are available from bequests or trusts, or accept on the part of the State gifts of, parcels or tracts of land for forest purposes.** The title to lands acquired under this section shall be investigated and approved by the Attorney General.

The purpose of acquisition of land is the preservation of scenic beauty and recreation as nearly unrestricted and general as is practicable for the people of this State and those whom they admit to the privilege, and the production of timber for watershed protection and as a crop and **as state forest demonstration areas for research purposes and for the application of model forestry techniques under a well defined criteria of full-use management.** The lands acquired within the limits described in this section shall never be sold, but may be exchanged for other land to permit consolidation, better access or more efficient administration. Net revenues, including but not limited to stumpage, shall be paid to the Treasurer of State by said commissioner and constitute a fund to be applied to the care and improvement of these lands or for the acquisition of other lands for similar purposes, except that 25% of such revenues shall be returned by the Treasurer of State to the municipality wherein the land is located to be used for municipal purposes.

Effective October 1, 1969

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## Chapter 145

### AN ACT Relating to Penalties for Violations of the For-Hire Carrier Statute.

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

**R. S., T. 35, § 1563, sub-§ 1, amended.** The first sentence of subsection 1 of section 1563 of Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows: