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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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29 MRSA § 1652, sub-§ 4, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 634, is further amended to read:

**4. Brake requirements.**

A. Every truck, tractor, truck tractor, trailer and semitrailer shall be equipped with adequate brakes acting on all wheels of all axles, except that:

(1) Any truck, tractor or truck tractor having 3 or more axles need not have brakes on the front wheels except when any such vehicle is equipped with 2 or more steerable axles the wheels of one such axle need not be equipped with brakes;

(2) Any trailer or semitrailer not exceeding a gross weight of 3,000 pounds;

(3) Any vehicle towed by use of a wrecker; ~~and~~

(4) Any vehicle meeting braking requirements of the motor carrier safety regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation shall be considered adequate;

(5) Semitrailers designed and used exclusively for the dispensing of cable from reels attached thereto, commonly called reel trailers, and semitrailers designed and used exclusively to support the end of poles while being transported, commonly called pole dollies, with a gross weight of that semitrailer and load not to exceed 12,000 pounds shall be excluded from the provisions of this subsection until the 1985 registration year; and

(6) A dolly axle, so-called, on a farm truck transporting agricultural products and supplies on public ways while engaged in agricultural activities, providing such an axle shall not be considered in determining the legal gross weight or axle limits permitted on the vehicle. A 2-axle farm truck equipped with such an axle shall, for all weight proposed, be considered a 2-axle vehicle.

Effective July 6, 1978

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## CHAPTER 599

**AN ACT to Provide a Lower Registration Fee under the Transportation of Christmas Tree Statutes.**

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

32 MRSA § 4451, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 567, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 4451. Registration required

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, for commercial purposes, to transport Christmas trees or evergreen boughs from private, state or federal lands to any place or places within or outside this State without first registering with the Bureau of Forestry or persons designated by the Director of the Bureau of Forestry, but no registration will be required of landowners or holders of written permits from landowners for cutting or bundling or hauling these trees and boughs to roadside. Forms for registering shall be provided by the director. The annual fee for Christmas tree transport registration, if obtained from the Bureau of Forestry, shall be \$11 payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund; and if that registration is obtained from any municipal clerk, the annual fee shall be \$12, \$11 of which shall be payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund, and \$1 of which shall be retained by the clerk for the service of issuing the certificates of registration.

The annual fee for each intrastate evergreen bough transport registration, if obtained from the Bureau of Forestry, shall be \$1 payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund; and if that registration is obtained from any municipal clerk, the annual fee shall be \$1.50, \$1 of which shall be payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund, and 50¢ of which shall be retained by the clerk for the service of issuing the certificates of registration.

The annual fee for each interstate evergreen bough transport registration, if obtained from the Bureau of Forestry, shall be \$11 payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund; and if that registration is obtained from any municipal clerk, the annual fee shall be \$12, \$11 of which shall be payable to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund, and \$1 of which shall be retained by the clerk for the service of issuing the certificates of registration.

In the case of any evergreen boughs transported, those boughs shall be severed from the trunks of the trees.

All these registrations shall expire on December 31st of the year issued. A record of all registrations issued shall be kept by the director at his office and shall be open to inspection by any person during reasonable business hours. No certificate of registration shall be required for transporting Christmas wreaths, wired sprays, roping or other similar manufactured products.