

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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The president of any nuclear power generating facility in Maine, or his designee, shall provide the Commissioner of Human Services with a report of all radioactive materials released to the environment. The report shall be a duplicate of any report required by the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 10.

§ 3333. Reports by the Commissioner of Human Services

The Commissioner of Human Services, or his designee, shall review and study the reports, if any, and consolidate them for distribution to the Public Utilities Commission, state agencies and public officials concerned with nuclear energy and interested members of the public. The report shall include an abstract written in a manner that is easily understood by the general public.

Reports of release which exceed technical specification limits or result in overexposure to plant personnel or members of the public shall be reviewed expeditiously by the Commissioner of Human Services, or his designee, and a report shall be forwarded to the individuals and agencies as provided in this section.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 226

H. P. 575 — L. D. 723

### AN ACT Establishing Weight Tolerances for Certain Vehicles.

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

29 MRSA § 1655, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 237, § 6, is amended to read:

The operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded entirely with firewood, sawed lumber, dimension lumber, pulpwood, wood chips, logs, soils, unconsolidated rock materials, bolts, farm produce, road salt, manufacturer's concrete products, 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 any vehicle loaded with a majority of products requiring refrigeration, whether by ice or mechanical equipment, and on such vehicles when inspected by the Maine State Police, the number of the seal shall be recorded and the number of the new seal shall be recorded by the Maine State Police, 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 if the gross weight of such vehicle 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 provided that the maximum axle loads for these vehicles do not exceed 24,200 pounds for a single axle unit, 46,000 pounds for a tandem axle unit and 54,000 pounds for a tri-axle unit, except that 64,000 pounds shall be permitted on the tri-axle unit of a 4-axle motor vehicle hauling forest products until November 1, 1979 1982.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 227

H. P. 1173 — L. D. 1439

### AN ACT Relating to Registration of Trailers and Semitrailers under the Motor Vehicle Laws.

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

29 MRSA § 245-A, first ¶, 3rd and 4th sentences, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 481, § 8, are amended to read:

The Secretary of State shall furnish the person, partnership or corporation with one semipermanent plate for each such semitrailer or trailer, which plate shall expire **either** at the end of each 8-year semipermanent plate program **or, in the case of new semitrailers or new trailers, at the end of the 12th registration year following the year of issuance, depending upon the type of registration requested by the applicant.** The fee shall be \$10 for each semitrailer registration and \$5 for each trailer registered for not more than 2,000 pounds, GVW, for each registration year, or portion thereof ~~for the number of years of valid use from the year of issue to the end of the current semipermanent plate issue~~; and there shall be no refund of payment of such fee, except that when a plate is returned within 120 days of the effective date of that year's registration with an affidavit that the plate has never been used and the Secretary of State is satisfied that the plate has never been used, the pro rata amount, based upon the unused portion of the semipermanent plate period at the time of surrender of the registration, shall be refunded.

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## CHAPTER 228

S. P. 520 — L. D. 1583

AN ACT to Decrease the Maine Guarantee Authority Bonding Limit for Industrial Building and Recreational Project Mortgage Insurance to \$40,000,000; and to Conform Maine Guarantee Authority Statutes to Recent Constitutional Changes.