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CHAPTER 588

H. P. 1628 — L. D. 1738

AN ACT Relating to Enforcement of the Truck Weight Requirements Under the Motor Vehicle Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 1801, first ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 307, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 1802, first sentence is amended to read:

The operator of any vehicle entering or leaving the State, or operating within the State, upon request or direction of any state police officer shall drive such vehicle upon said scales and permit the weighing thereof together with its load, and shall permit examination of the registration certificate covering such vehicle and examination of any load carried thereon ~~by a state police officer designated by the Chief of the State Police in accordance with section 1801.~~

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 1803, first sentence is amended to read:

The driver or owner of such vehicle shall pay to the ~~state police officer in charge of such weighing point, station or barracks, or to the officer~~ weighing such vehicle any deficiency, if any there may be, in the legal registration fee of such vehicle before it may be permitted to proceed.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA § 1804 is amended to read:

§ 1804. Issuance of certificate

Upon the payment of any deficiency, the ~~state police officer in charge of such weighing point, station or barracks, or the officer~~ weighing such vehicle shall give to the operator of the vehicle a clearance certificate in such form as may be prescribed by the Chief of the State Police.

Sec. 5. 29 MRSA § 1805, first sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 455, § 2, is further amended to read:

The operator or owner of any vehicle entering or leaving the State, or operating within the State, who refuses to permit the weighing of such vehicle ~~shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both is guilty of a Class E crime, except that a fine of not more than \$1,000 may be imposed.~~

Sec. 6. 29 MRSA § 1806 is amended to read:

§ 1806. Enforcement; records

Every state police officer is authorized and directed to enforce sections 1801 to 1806 and to keep a complete record of each vehicle weighed by him, such records of each vehicle weighed by him as may be required by the Chief of the State Police, but in all instances such records must include information as to the general type of load carried, and he shall send a copy of each such record, prior to the close of the month following that during which the weighing took place, to the Chief of the State Police who shall file the same as a public record. Forms for making such records shall be prepared by the Chief of the State Police and by him furnished together with a copy of sections 1801 to 1806 to all state police officers.

Effective July 3, 1980

CHAPTER 589

H. P. 1593 — L. D. 1704

AN ACT to Clarify the Statutes Relating to Natural Gas Pipeline Companies.

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

Sec. 1. 35 MRSA § 15, sub-§ 10 is amended to read:

10. Natural gas pipeline company. “Natural gas pipeline company” includes every corporation or person, their lessees, trustees, receivers or trustees appointed by any court whatsoever, owning or operating for compensation within this State any pipeline, including pumping stations, storage depots and other facilities, for the transportation, distribution or sale of natural gas, or any person or corporation which has applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity or to the Public Utilities Commission for a certificate of authorization to operate a natural gas pipeline within this State.

Sec. 2. 35 MRSA § 2531-A is enacted to read:

§ 2531-A. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Corporation. “Corporation” includes any corporation, partnership, association, business trust, organized group of persons, whether incorporated or not, and municipal and quasi-municipal corporations.