

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

AS PASSED BY THE  
  
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
Augusta, Maine  
1983

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
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From 42,001 pounds gross weight to 46,000 pounds gross weight ..... \$260

From 46,001 pounds gross weight to 50,000 pounds gross weight ..... \$280

From 50,001 pounds gross weight to 54,000 pounds gross weight ..... \$300

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §246, as amended by PL 1981, c. 492, Pt. A, §5, is further amended by adding after the 3rd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

The maximum registered weight of a farm motor truck shall not exceed 54,000 pounds. The fine for a violation of the registered gross weight of a farm motor truck shall be the difference between the fee for a farm motor truck and a commercially registered motor truck, tractor or truck tractor within the category of the actual weight at the time of the violation.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 31

H.P. 621 - L.D. 747

### AN ACT to Permit the Use of Illuminated Signs on Motor Trucks, Semitrailers and Truck Tractors.

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

29 MRSA §1374, as amended by PL 1979, c. 127, §167, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1374. Advertisements on motor vehicles

No person, firm or corporation may operate or cause to be operated on public highways and streets any motor vehicle to which is affixed any advertisement that is illuminated, except as provided in this section.

For purposes of vehicle identification, in addition to the provisions of section 1403, any motor truck, truck tractor or semitrailer may display an illuminated sign in accordance with rules adopted by the Commissioner of Public Safety according to the

Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375. Among any other standards that the Commissioner of Public Safety deems necessary to protect the welfare and safety of the general public, the following standards shall be included in the rules.

1. Information on sign. Any illuminated sign displayed on a truck tractor, semitrailer or motor truck shall bear the name or name and address of the owner of the vehicle, the lessee of the vehicle or the firm or corporation for which the operator is transporting property or goods. The Commissioner of Public Safety may authorize an illuminated sign to identify the cargo in transit.

2. Location of sign. Illuminated signs shall be displayed as follows.

A. On truck tractors, the illuminated sign shall be placed on the wind deflector on the roof of the truck tractor.

B. On a semitrailer, the illuminated sign shall be placed on the front portion of the semitrailer.

C. On a motor truck, the illuminated sign shall be placed on the front portion of the storage compartment above and behind that part of the vehicle referred to as the "cab."

3. Types of lights prohibited. Any illuminated sign authorized by this section shall not be lighted by a flashing, blinking or neon light.

4. Form, size and light of sign. Any illuminated sign shall be in a form, size and light so as not to distract or impair the vision of the operator of any other vehicle approaching, next to or departing from the motor vehicle with the illuminated sign.

This section shall not apply to the illuminated name and telephone number identification affixed to vehicles for the conveyance of passengers.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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