

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 1, 1982 to June 24, 1983
Chapters 1-452

PUBLISHED BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES
ANNOTATED, TITLE 3, SECTION 164, SUBSECTION 6.

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

PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED AT THE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

and

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

1983

tence. The sheriff or other person upon whom the legal duty is imposed to deliver that sentenced person, shall, at the time of the delivery, furnish to the department a statement showing the length of that detention. In addition, the transporter shall, without needless delay, furnish to the sentencing court the same statement and that statement shall be attached to the official records of the commitment.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 451

H.P. 1094 - L.D. 1440

AN ACT Concerning the Stopping of Trucks at Roadside Weighing Points.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the highway cost allocation study clearly recommended accurate appraisal of truck weights because of their effect on Maine roads; and

Whereas, effective enforcement of truck weight limits is necessary and trucks must be directed to stop at designated roadside weighing points; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

29 MRSA §1801, as amended by PL 1979, c. 588, §1, is further amended to read:

§1801. Weighing points

The Chief of the State Police shall may designate, of his own motion or by order of the Governor certain state police officers who will be empowered to examine loads and replace seals as provided by section 1802.

Weighing points shall be designated by the placement of signs not less than 500 feet from approaching traffic where these weighing points are established and all these signs shall bear the words "State Police Truck Check - All Trucks Stop." These signs shall display flashing yellow lights which shall be operated at times when the weighing stations are in operation. The placement of signs shall be prima facie evidence that these signs were displayed in accordance with this section and any operator who drives a vehicle past these signs and fails to stop at the weighing point, except as otherwise directed by a police officer, shall be guilty of a civil violation with a forfeiture of not more than \$500.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 16, 1983.

CHAPTER 452

H.P. 592 - L.D. 736

AN ACT to Protect Employees from Reprisal
who Report or Refuse to Commit Illegal Acts.

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

26 MRSA c. 7, sub-c. V-A is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER V-A

PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES WHO REPORT

OR REFUSE TO COMMIT ILLEGAL ACTS

§821. Short title

This subchapter may be cited as the "Whistleblowers' Protection Act."

§822. Definitions

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

1. Employee. "Employee" means a person who per-