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## CHAPTER 26

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AN ACT to Make Administrative Changes in  
Truck Weight Tolerances.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1655, first ¶, as amended by PL 1983, c. 94, Pt. B, §15, is further amended to read:

The operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded entirely with bark, sawdust, firewood, sawed lumber, dimension lumber, pulpwood, wood chips, logs, soils, unconsolidated rock materials including limestone, bolts, farm produce, road salt, manufacturer's concrete products, solid waste, building materials and incinerator ash 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 March 1, 1984, or until the annual registration certificate for the 1984 registration year is obtained, whichever occurs first, on or after which time provided that a special commodity permit must be is obtained. When any of the tolerances in this section are exceeded, the difference between the actual weights and the respective limits established in section 1652 shall be used as the basis for determining the percentage of overload on which the penalty in section 1654 shall be assessed.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §1655, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 1983, c. 818, §17, is further amended to read:

Starting March 17 1984, or when the annual registration certificate for the 1984 registration year is obtained, whichever occurs first, the The tolerances provided in this section shall only apply to those vehicles for which a special commodity permit has been issued and only when actively engaged in the transportation of those commodities. Commodity permits shall be valid only when issued to a vehicle which is currently registered for the maximum legal weight allowed that vehicle under section 1652 or is fully registered in its home jurisdiction. Vehicles owned and operated by government agencies are exempt from this requirement.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §1655, 6th ¶, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 94, Pt. B, §17, is amended to read:

Commodity permits may be obtained upon payment of the required fee, from any branch office of the Motor Vehicle Division or from any agent of the Secretary of State who has been appointed for that specific purpose. These agents appointed by the Secretary of State may charge any applicant for a commodity permit \$1 over and above the required permit fee and may retain the dollar as his compensation for performing this function. A permit may be issued for a period of 12 months or less, provided that no permit may extend beyond the expiration of the annual registration or short-term registration permit. The appointment of these agents shall be limited to either municipal tax collectors or town or city managers. The fee shall be based upon the vehicle type and period of validity.

Vehicle Type	Per Year	Per Calendar Month or portion thereof
2-axle vehicle	\$ 96	\$ 8
3-axle single unit truck	\$180	\$15
4-axle <u>or more</u> single unit truck	\$240	\$20
3-axle combination vehicle	\$120	\$10
4-axle combination vehicle	\$168	\$14
5 or more axle combination vehicle	\$216	\$18
6-axle combination vehicle- 3 axle truck tractor with tri-axle semitrailer	\$216	\$18

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