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or other nonload carrying appurtenances which may be permitted by federal regulation.

- F. The overall length of trailers and semitrailers shall not include the space occupied by refrigeration units or other nonload carrying appurtenances which may be permitted by Federal regulation.
- Sec. 2. 29 MRSA \$1652, sub-\$1, ¶D, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 237, \$4, is amended to read:
  - D. The following vehicles are permitted on the Interstate Highway System:
    - (1) All 3-axle trucks with brakes on the wheels of all axles, hauling forest products or raw ore from mine or quarry to place of processing, may be operated with a gross weight of 48,000 pounds with a distance between extreme axles of not less than 18 feet; and
    - (2) All 3-axle trucks with brakes on the wheels of all axles, hauling construction materials, may be operated with a gross weight of 48,000 pounds with a distance between extreme axles of not less than 16 feet; and
    - (3) A combination comprised of a motor vehicle hauling any tank trailer, dump trailer or ocean transport container with a combined weight of 68,000 pounds on the tandems of the tractor and the trailer, provided that the distance between the first and last axles of those tandems is 30 feet or more. This subparagraph is void on and after September 1, 1988.
- Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §1654, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 812, Pt. B, §§2 and 9, is amended to read:

Any person who violates any weight provision for any axle or group of axles or gross weight, if convicted, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor on account of each such violation and for each violation of which convicted shall be punished by a fine. When both gross and axle weights are exceeded, the fine shall be imposed on whichever excess is the greater penalty imposed shall be on the violation that results in the higher fine.

Effective September 29, 1987.

#### CHAPTER 200

H.P. 681 — L.D. 922

AN ACT to Permit the Annual Filing of Certain Fuel Use Reports.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §2965, as amended by PL 1983, c.

94, Pt. C, §16, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, when the annual tax liability is expected to be \$100 or less, a motor carrier, with the approval of the State Tax Assessor, may file an annual return with payment on or before the last day of January each year covering the prior year.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA \$3209, as amended by PL 1985, c. 127, \$1, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, when the annual tax liability is expected to be \$100 or less, a user, with the approval of the State Tax Assessor, may file an annual return with payment on or before the last day of January each year covering the prior year.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 1988.

Effective January 1, 1988.

#### CHAPTER 201

H.P. 693 — L.D. 934

AN ACT to Facilitate the Transfer of Information Between the Department of Human Services and the Bureau of Taxation.

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

- Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶J, as amended by PL 1985, c. 764, §4, is further amended to read:
  - J. The disclosure to a state agency seeking setoff of a liquidated debt against a tax refund pursuant to section 5276-A of information necessary to effectuate the intent of that section; and
- Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §191, sub-\$2, ¶K, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 764, §5, is amended to read:
  - K. The disclosure by a municipal assessor, or by the State Tax Assessor with regard to the unorganized territory, of information contained on the declaration of value form required by section 4641-B, to a person who has filed an application for abatement pursuant to section 841. Information which may be disclosed is limited to information which is relevant to the determination of just value of the property for which the form was filed; and
- Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶L is enacted to read: