

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Lewiston, Maine**  
**2008**

der of the registration year for which the previous all-terrain vehicle had been registered.

**Sec. 21. 17 MRSA §2264-B, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. I, §39 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is further amended to read:

**5. License suspension.** Surrender the person's motor vehicle operator's license for a period not exceeding 30 days and the person's hunting and fishing licenses issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for a period of up to one year if the violation occurred in a state-owned wildlife management area as designated in Title 12, section 12708 or a wildlife sanctuary as designated in Title 12, section 12706. The court may suspend an operator's license for any violation of section 2264-A that involves the use of a motor vehicle.

**Sec. 22. 38 MRSA §969, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 330, §1, is amended to read:

**4. Reporting requirements.** The commission shall submit a report by February 1, 1998 and each subsequent year to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters, energy and utilities matters, ~~fisheries and wildlife matters~~ and appropriations and financial affairs, identifying the amount collected and how the fund was disbursed by the commission.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 18, 2008.

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**CHAPTER 652**  
**S.P. 754 - L.D. 1960**

**An Act Regarding Axle Weight  
on Tri-axle Farm Trucks**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2357, sub-§2, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

C. For a tri-axle unit, 54,000 pounds; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2357, sub-§2, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

D. On the tri-axle unit of a 4-axle single-unit vehicle hauling forest products, 64,000 pounds; ~~and~~  
and

**Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2357, sub-§2, ¶E** is enacted to read:

E. On the tri-axle unit of a 4-axle single-unit vehicle registered as a farm truck under section 505 and hauling potatoes, 64,000 pounds. This paragraph is repealed October 1, 2013.

**Sec. 4. Report.** The Chief of the State Police and the Commissioner of Transportation shall report no later than January 15, 2013 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters an evaluation of the impact on roads and bridges of axle weight tolerances for tri-axle units of 4-axle single-unit vehicles used to haul forest products and potatoes. The report must include accident report data and citations for violations of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 2357, subsection 2, paragraphs D and E and must also include recommendations for continuance, discontinuance or modification of tri-axle weight tolerances for 4-axle single-unit vehicles used to haul forest products and potatoes. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters may submit legislation related to the subject matter of the report under this section to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 653**  
**H.P. 1466- L.D. 2080**

**An Act To Better Coordinate  
and Reduce the Cost of the  
Delivery of State and County  
Correctional Services**

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

**Whereas**, the unification of state and county correctional services will require concentrated planning and continued coordination of efforts for successful implementation; and

**Whereas**, authorizing the transitional team to meet immediately will contribute to this effort and help lay the foundation for the work of the corrections working group and the State Board of Corrections; 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:**