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House of Representatives, February 26, 2015

### **An Act Concerning Commercial Vehicles at Canadian Weight Limits Traveling to Certain Points in the State**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MAKER of Calais.  
Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and  
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, MARTIN  
of Sinclair, STANLEY of Medway, TUELL of East Machias, TURNER of Burlington,  
Senators: EDGECOMB of Aroostook, ROSEN of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2354-C, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 356, §22,  
3 is further amended to read:

4 A. The only allowable routes of travel are from the United States-Canada border in  
5 Calais north on U.S. Route 1 to Access Road in Baileyville, east on Access Road to  
6 ~~Donta~~ Woodland Mill Pulp LLC mill or its successor on Main Street and north on  
7 Main Street to the ~~Louisiana Pacific Oriented Strand Board mill or its successor~~  
8 former oriented strand board facility in Baileyville; from the United States-Canada  
9 border in Madawaska then directly north or south into the ~~Fraser Papers Twin Rivers~~  
10 facility or its successor in Madawaska or up Bridge Street to Mill Street in  
11 Madawaska in order to reverse direction; and from the United States-Canada border  
12 in Van Buren on Bridge Street, west to Main Street, also designated as Route 1, then  
13 north on Main Street approximately 1 1/2 miles from the border.

14 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2354-C, sub-§1, ¶¶B and C**, as enacted by PL 2009, c.  
15 326, §2, are amended to read:

16 B. Allowable truck configuration is limited to:

17 (1) A 3-axle truck tractor with a 3-axle semitrailer at a gross vehicle weight of  
18 108,900 pounds. The individual weight distribution maximum limits are as  
19 follows: for the steering axle, 12,375 pounds; for the drive axles, 40,500 pounds;  
20 and for the semitrailer axles, 58,500 pounds, but in no case may the total of these  
21 values exceed 108,900 pounds; and

22 (2) A 3-axle truck tractor with a semitrailer-semitrailer combination, configured  
23 as a B-train double with 8 axles total, at a gross vehicle weight of 137,700  
24 pounds. The weight of the 2nd semitrailer may not exceed the weight of the first  
25 semitrailer-; and

26 (3) A 3-axle truck tractor with a 4-axle semitrailer at a gross vehicle weight of  
27 122,380 pounds. The individual weight distribution maximum limits are as  
28 follows: for the steering axle, 12,375 pounds; for the drive axles, 40,500 pounds;  
29 and for the semitrailer axles, 72,000 pounds, but in no case may the total of these  
30 values exceed 122,380 pounds.

31 C. Maine axle weight limits, axle group limits, commodity allowances, maximum  
32 dimensions and all other commercial vehicle limits and requirements apply, except  
33 that the B-train double overall length limit must be not greater than 82.02 feet, or 25  
34 meters, and the 4-axle semitrailer length limit must be not greater than 53.15 feet, or  
35 16.2 meters.

36 **SUMMARY**

37 This bill changes the weight limits that certain commercial vehicles may have when  
38 traveling from the United States-Canada border to certain points in the State.