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An Act To Allow a Weight Tolerance for Vehicle Auxiliary Power Units

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRS §101, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Auxiliary power unit. "Auxiliary power unit" means an integrated system that:

A. Provides heat, air conditioning, engine warming or electricity components on a heavy duty vehicle; and

B. Is certified by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency under 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 89 as meeting emissions standards.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRS §101, sub-§27-A is enacted to read:

27-A. Heavy duty vehicle. "Heavy duty vehicle" means a vehicle powered by a diesel engine that has a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 8,500 pounds.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRS §2360, sub-§18 is enacted to read:

18. Exception to fine schedule for vehicle auxiliary power units. For a heavy duty vehicle equipped with an auxiliary power unit, the gross vehicle weight or axle weight used to determine the fine for a violation under this section is the actual gross vehicle weight or axle weight reduced by 400 pounds.

SUMMARY

This bill extends a weight tolerance for vehicle auxiliary power units in the laws governing highway weight limits for vehicles.