

COMMERCIAL USE

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	PETERBUILT TRACTOR	HEIL TRAILER 12,000 GALLON	CLASS A MOTORHOME	36' BOSTON WHALER W/ TRAILER [HAS SLEEPING + BATH ONBOARD]	F350 PICKUP TRUCK	CAMPER TRAILER
GVW	100,000 COMBINED [30,000 TRUCK]	70,000	29,000	17,600	23,000 COMBINED [9,000 TRUCK]	14,000
MSRP	265,000	350,000	330,000		99,000*	160,000*
EXCISE TAX BASED ON *	SALE PRICE	NA	SALE PRICE	LENGTH	MSRP	MSRP
SALE PRICE	160,000*	250,000	200,000*	1,200,000	93,000	95,000
EXCISE TAX RATE .024 [EXCLUDE BOAT]	3840.00	NA	4800.00	141.00	2376.00	3864.00
REGISTRATION FEE BASED ON GVW	1234.00	20.00	166.00	TRAILER 20.00	188.00	20.00
RECREATION STICKER				59.00		
TRAILER REGISTRATION FEE		45.00		45.00		NA
TOTAL COST REGISTRATION	5074.00	45.00	\$4966.00	\$265.00	\$2564.00	\$3884.00

\$5119.00 = \$51.00 PER 1K LB

IF BASED OFF MSRP \$16,014.00
= **\$160.00 FOR EVERY 1000 LB**
CARVE OUT (\$10,895.00)

CLASS A MOTORHOME
= \$171.00 PER 1K LB

IF BASED OFF THE MSRP \$8086.00
= **\$278.00 PER 1K LB**
CARVE OUT(\$3120.00)

\$6448.00 = \$280.00 PER 1K LB

IF TREATED THE SAME AS TRACTOR
TRAILER I WOULD PAY \$51.00 PER 1000 #
=\$1173.00

Thank you Madam Chairman, and committee members for holding this hearing today on LD-15.

My name is Dana Lampron, from Standish Maine

I'm here today in support of LD-15. If I could take a minute to give you some reasons and comparisons to show you how unequitable and how egregious the tax treatment is on families who own camper trailers in the State of Maine.

Checking with surrounding states, Mass and Conn for example, confirmed my thoughts. Their camper trailers are taxed at the same rate as any other trailer on the road. Anywhere from \$45.00 to \$65.00 a year, unlike Maine that excise tax camper trailers the same as vehicles. So I did a little digging, you had 13,800 families who registered and subsidized the motor homes and commercial vehicles in the state last year. And you had 82,800 commercial vehicles, over 26,000 pounds registered last year, getting a huge carve out on excise tax. You may be asking what does motor homes and commercial vehicles have to do with camper trailers. So here it is....in my case, we're talking about the registration of an F350 dually that has an MSRP of \$102,000.00 which I purchased for \$93,000.00, excise tax on the full MSRP was \$2636.00, to haul a GVW of 23,000 pounds. But they exclude my camper trailer from that. My camper trailer's excise tax was based on full MSRP equaling \$3840.00, which was almost double what I paid for it. For a total of \$6476.00.

So now let's compare, motor homes get the same carve out as commercial vehicles. A new 40' Coachman Class A Motorhome, MSRP \$329,700.00, purchase price \$200,000.00, has an excise tax of \$4800.00, based on purchase price. Retail excise would be \$7912.00. Which equals \$3112.00 difference of carve outs because it's based on purchase price. Something camper trailers do not get.

Now a commercial vehicle example, a brand new 18 wheeler Peterbilt with an MSRP of \$265,000.00, purchase price \$160,000.00 has an excise tax of \$5074.00 to haul up to 100,000 pounds, now remember, that's based on purchase price. 2024 Tiffin Class A motorhome weighs 41,000 pounds, MSRP is \$666,000.00, purchase price \$478,000.00, excise tax But if you treated that tractor like the families are being treated on excise tax, that would equal \$7594.00 for 100,000 pounds. That's exactly a \$2520.00 carve out you're giving to every tractor trailer and motor home with a GVW of 100,000 pounds on your highways. And I'd like to remind you that all of the people hauling with 18 wheelers are commercial vehicles that are hauling for profit on our roads beating them to death with that kind of weight, for example, a brand new 12,000 gallon Heil gasoline hauler is about \$350,000.00 MSRP that can be purchased for around \$275,000.00, he also pays

\$45.00/year for that trailer. Now if excise tax is in place to repair and maintain roads, how in the world is this equitable or fair? Just to be clear, I am not asking this committee or anybody else for a carve out, a give me, a free be, or any kind of special deal, I'm just asking for equality and fairness.

My truck and trailer are hauling quarter of the weight that the tractor trailer is hauling. I might travel 4-500 miles a year in this state with the trailer. I'm a grandfather of 5 who likes to go camping with my grandkids. There's not a single other trailer on the road, whether it be boat, snowmobile, 4 wheelers, all of which are used for the same purpose, recreation with your families. So WHY are we discouraging and ultimately penalizing families this way? Just to put a bow on it, the town has told me on a couple of occasions the reason that camper trailers are treated this way is because they have sleeping quarters in them.

How about a 36' Boston Whaler with full sleeping quarters, bathroom, that weighs 17000 pounds, 5000 pounds more than my camper, that has to be towed on the road to get to the water, has a retail price from 1.2 – 1.4 million dollars, it only costs \$200.00 to register the boat plus \$45.00 for the trailer. The point I'm making here is you're unfairly taxing the camping sector. But as I can show you and have showed you, there's all sorts of recreational activity that cost a lot more than camping but the camping people are subsidizing all the other activities with the egregious tax.

I'm paying \$282.00 per 1000 pounds, 18 wheelers are paying \$51.00 per 1000 pounds. So I'm paying 5 ½ times what they're paying, does that seem fair and equitable to you? I could go on and on with a lot more detail but I know my time is limited. I'd like to answer any questions you may have.

I was told if you pass LD-15 you would probably have to replace the lost revenue to the towns. I have a perfect solution for that. Last year Maine collected 3.2 M in revenue from 13,800 camper trailers. Maine also had 82,800 commercial vehicles over 26,000 pounds getting all of the carve outs I mentioned in my graph. So getting rid of some, not all, of the carve outs from commercial vehicles, like \$40.00 per vehicle, would get you your 3.2 M revenue back to the towns. That would be a step in the right direction in getting your foot off the neck of the families who like to simply camp with their kids and grandkids, and be treated with equality as everybody else in the world of recreation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

State of Maine
Registration Fee Schedule (Effective 09/01/2008)
Trucks, Special Mobile Equipment, Trailers and Special Equipment

An annual registration fee graduated by gross weight must be paid for each truck or truck-tractor in accordance with the following fee schedules.

From	0 pounds gross weight to	6,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$35.00
From	6,001 pounds gross weight to	10,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$37.00
From	10,001 pounds gross weight to	12,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$48.00
From	12,001 pounds gross weight to	14,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$81.00
From	14,001 pounds gross weight to	16,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$105.00
From	16,001 pounds gross weight to	18,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$130.00
From	18,001 pounds gross weight to	20,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$161.00
From	20,001 pounds gross weight to	23,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$188.00
From	23,001 pounds gross weight to	26,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$220.00
From	26,001 pounds gross weight to	28,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$267.00
From	28,001 pounds gross weight to	32,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$308.00
From	32,001 pounds gross weight to	34,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$342.00
From	34,001 pounds gross weight to	38,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$379.00
From	38,001 pounds gross weight to	40,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$403.00
From	40,001 pounds gross weight to	42,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$426.00
From	42,001 pounds gross weight to	45,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$450.00
From	45,001 pounds gross weight to	48,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$497.00
From	48,001 pounds gross weight to	51,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$533.00
From	51,001 pounds gross weight to	54,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$568.00
From	54,001 pounds gross weight to	55,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$580.00
From	55,001 pounds gross weight to	60,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$640.00
From	60,001 pounds gross weight to	65,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$699.00
From	65,001 pounds gross weight to	69,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$762.00
From	69,001 pounds gross weight to	72,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$797.00
From	72,001 pounds gross weight to	75,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$821.00
From	75,001 pounds gross weight to	78,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$857.00
From	78,001 pounds gross weight to	80,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$877.00
From	80,001 pounds gross weight to	90,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$982.00
From	90,001 pounds gross weight to	94,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$1,026.00
From	94,001 pounds gross weight to	100,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$1,234.00

For Farm Trucks, Motor Homes and Special Mobile Equipment Class A (up to 54,000 pounds)

From	0 pounds gross weight to	6,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$21.00
From	6,001 pounds gross weight to	10,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$27.00
From	10,001 pounds gross weight to	12,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$32.00
From	12,001 pounds gross weight to	14,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$39.00
From	14,001 pounds gross weight to	16,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$50.00
From	16,001 pounds gross weight to	18,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$72.00
From	18,001 pounds gross weight to	20,000 pounds gross weight	.....	\$84.00

From 20,001 pounds gross weight to 23,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$101.00
From 23,001 pounds gross weight to 26,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$119.00
From 26,001 pounds gross weight to 28,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$137.00
From 28,001 pounds gross weight to 32,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$166.00
From 32,001 pounds gross weight to 34,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$217.00
From 34,001 pounds gross weight to 38,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$265.00
From 38,001 pounds gross weight to 40,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$276.00
From 40,001 pounds gross weight to 42,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$288.00
From 42,001 pounds gross weight to 45,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$305.00
From 45,001 pounds gross weight to 48,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$322.00
From 48,001 pounds gross weight to 51,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$340.00
From 51,001 pounds gross weight to 54,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$357.00
From 54,001 pounds gross weight to 55,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$365.00
From 55,001 pounds gross weight to 60,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$394.00
From 60,001 pounds gross weight to 65,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$441.00
From 65,001 pounds gross weight to 69,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$469.00

SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT, CLASS A

The fee to register special mobile equipment, Class A, is the farm truck rate up to 54,000 pounds. If the gross weight is in excess of 54,000 pounds, use the following schedule:

From 54,001 pounds gross weight to 60,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$387.00
From 60,001 pounds gross weight to 65,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$417.00
From 65,001 pounds gross weight to 70,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$447.00
From 70,001 pounds gross weight to 75,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$477.00
From 75,001 pounds gross weight to 80,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$507.00
From 80,001 pounds gross weight to 90,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$567.00
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From 94,001 pounds gross weight to 100,000 pounds gross weight.....	\$712.00

Class A, Special Mobile Equipment must be registered for its actual gross weight.

Trailer/Semitrailer

Up to 2,000 pounds GVW.....	\$10.50
Over 2,000 pounds GVW.....	\$20.00

Special Equipment

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