

Maine Revised Statutes

Title 29-A: MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Chapter 21: WEIGHT, DIMENSION AND PROTECTION OF WAYS

§2354-E. ALLOW CERTAIN COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WITH 7-AXLE CONFIGURATION TO TRAVEL FROM THE UNITED STATES-CANADA BORDER TO CERTAIN POINTS IN THE STATE

(WHOLE SECTION TEXT EFFECTIVE ON CONTINGENCY: See PL 2015, c. 119, §6)

(WHOLE SECTION TEXT REPEALED 1/1/18)

1. Canadian gross vehicle weight limits. Notwithstanding section 2354, the Commissioner of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and the Department of the Secretary of State, is authorized to allow certain commercial vehicles at Canadian gross vehicle weight limits to travel from the United States-Canada border in Calais to Baileyville under the following conditions.

A. The only allowable routes of travel are from the United States-Canada border in Calais north on U.S. Route 1 to Access Road in Baileyville, east on Access Road to Woodland Pulp LLC mill or its successor on Main Street and north on Main Street to the former oriented strand board facility in Baileyville.

[2015, c. 119, §4 (NEW); 2015, c. 119, §6 (AFF) .]

B. The allowable truck configuration is limited to a 3-axle truck tractor with a 4-axle semitrailer at a gross vehicle weight of 113,800 pounds. The individual weight distribution maximum limits are as follows: for the steering axle, 12,375 pounds; for the drive axles, 40,500 pounds; and for the semitrailer axles, 72,000 pounds, but in no case may the total of these values exceed 113,800 pounds. [2015, c. 119, §4 (NEW); 2015, c. 119, §6 (AFF) .]

C. Maine axle weight limits, axle group limits, commodity allowances, maximum dimensions and all other commercial vehicle limits and requirements apply, and the 4-axle semitrailer length limit must be not greater than 53.15 feet, or 16.2 meters. [2015, c. 119, §4 (NEW); 2015, c. 119, §6 (AFF) .]

D. The manufacturer's ratings for gross vehicle weight, axle capacity, brake systems and other components for which a manufacturer's rating is available may not be exceeded. [2015, c. 119, §4 (NEW); 2015, c. 119, §6 (AFF) .]

E. Each truck combination allowed under this section must display a credential obtained for a fee from the Secretary of State. The fee must be established by the Commissioner of Transportation in an amount to cover related administrative costs, compliance monitoring and the additional cost of highway damage resulting from the allowance under this section calculated using accepted engineering practices. [2015, c. 119, §4 (NEW); 2015, c. 119, §6 (AFF) .]

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2. Overlimit movement permits. As provided in section 2382, the Secretary of State, acting under guidelines and advice of the Commissioner of Transportation, may grant permits to commercial vehicles at Canadian gross vehicle weight limits operating under the requirements of this section. The Secretary of State shall adopt rules to implement this section in consultation with the Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

[2015, c. 119, §4 (NEW); 2015, c. 119, §6 (AFF) .]

3. Revocation of privileges. The Commissioner of Transportation may revoke the privileges of operation under this section of trucks and trucking companies for cause, including repeatedly exceeding size and weight limits or operating outside the designated route of travel. Revocation by the Commissioner of Transportation is considered a final agency action.

[2015, c. 119, §4 (NEW); 2015, c. 119, §6 (AFF) .]

4. Repeal. This section is repealed January 1, 2018.

[2015, c. 119, §4 (NEW); 2015, c. 119, §6 (AFF) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2015, c. 119, §4 (NEW). 2015, c. 119, §6 (AFF).

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