

1 SENATE BILL NO. 355

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURING LOGS ON POLE
5 TRAILERS; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-9-414, MCA."

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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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9 **Section 1.** Section 61-9-414, MCA, is amended to read:10 **"61-9-414. Logging trucks.** (1) A truck or truck trailer combination, except pole trailers, actively
11 engaged in transporting logs must be equipped with chains, cables, steel straps, or fiber webbing with
12 working load limits that meet or exceed the manufacturer's marked value. The number of tie-down
13 assemblies must be determined by the working load limits and the total weight of the load. The working
14 load limits must equal or exceed 1 1/2 times the total weight of the load.15 (2) A pole trailer actively engaged in transporting logs upon the highways of the state must be
16 equipped as follows:17 (a) At least three ~~binders~~ wrappers are required as standard equipment. The ~~binders~~ wrappers
18 must:19 (i) be made of steel chain, ~~or steel cable,~~ or a combination of steel chain and steel cable;20 (ii) have a minimum ~~diameter of three-eighths of an inch~~ working load limit of at least 3,000
21 pounds; and22 (iii) be long enough to encompass any load when secured by a ~~fastener~~ binder.23 (b) (i) ~~Binders~~ Wrappers used to secure loads of logs together must be fastened by means of a
24 ~~fastener~~ binder.25 ~~(ii)~~ (ii) The ~~minimum diameter of the portions of the fastener under direct stress from the binder~~
26 complete wrapper and binder assembly must have a working load limit of at least 3,000 pounds ~~be~~
27 ~~three-eighths of an inch.~~28 ~~(iii)~~ (iii) The handle, or leverage portion of the ~~fastener~~ binder, when in use in tightening and holding
29 the ~~binder~~ wrapper, must be securely fastened to the ~~binder~~ wrapper or to the ~~fastener~~ binder so that it
30 cannot be accidentally loosened.

1 (c) At least two ~~binders~~ wrappers must be in use on all loads. The ~~binders~~ wrappers must be
2 placed as close as reasonably possible to the front and rear bunks.

3 (d) If short logs are loaded on top of longer logs, sufficient ~~binders~~ wrappers must be used to
4 secure both ends of the short logs to the main body of the load. A log may not extend laterally beyond
5 the stakes that form the outer boundary of the load at the top of the stakes. Logs or poles loaded above
6 the tops of the stakes must be loaded in a pyramidal fashion.

7 (3) For the purposes of this section:

8 (a) "binder" means a device attached to a wrapper that provides tension on and secures a
9 wrapper; and

10 (b) "wrapper" means an indirect tie-down device, the tension of which is intended to secure a
11 stack of logs."

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