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We are a commercial Ford Truck Dealer, 8500 gvw and up and a Peterbilt Medium and Heavy truck Dealer in the State of Maine. The lack of infrastructure is a huge problem but the lack of battery technology to move the type and size of loads involved with the vocational trades is even more distressing. The range is so limited and loads so heavy that there is no realistic solution in the foreseeable future.

One very disastrous problem is that Manufacturers are required to ship vehicles in the percentage required by the state and would result in a huge mixture of unsaleable vehicles that would result in an inventory mix that would be far too costly to maintain. Cars and smaller trucks mostly used for passenger and small payloads are likely to be ready before the infrastructure but there is no scenario for commercial vehicles being viable for many years if ever. Future engines will soon be much more environmentally friendly although at great expense but are a much more viable solution until there is a better one. Logging, agriculture, all forms of long haul delivery, snow removal, construction on and on are virtually impossible under these conditions. Most of Maine is a rural economy and this rule change is so extreme it will have devastating effects on its people and economy. Please have common sense prevail!!

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