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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - TRUCK WEIGHT LIMITS

Introduced By: Representatives Costantino, Marshall, Lima, and Hull

Date Introduced: February 25, 2015

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 31-25 of the General Laws entitled "Size, Weight, and Load  
2 Limits" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **31-25-27.9. Weight restrictions on Smith Avenue-Smithfield. -- (a) No commercial**  
4 motor truck or tractor with a gross weight exceeding four (4) tons, except those listed in this  
5 section, shall be allowed to travel on that portion of Route 116 between Route 44 and West  
6 Greenville Road known as Smith Avenue in the town of Smithfield.

7           (b) The director of the department of transportation is directed to post signs to limit  
8 access as prescribed in subsection (a) of this section.

9           (c) The following vehicles shall be exempt from the provisions of this section: any  
10 commercial vehicle whose destination is anywhere, either on or off the routes stated in subsection  
11 (a) of this section; any and all emergency vehicles, state vehicles, municipal vehicles, public  
12 transit vehicles, and marked school transportation vehicles.

13           (d) Any commercial registered motor truck or tractor with a gross weight exceeding four  
14 (4) tons, shall be prohibited from traveling the routes stated in subsection (a) of this section as a  
15 through route. Signs will be posted by the department of transportation stating "Local Deliveries  
16 Only – No Through Trucking – four (4) ton weight limit."

17           (e) Violations of this section shall be a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense,  
18 not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) for each and every subsequent offense.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would prohibit commercial motor trucks or tractors with a gross weight  
2           exceeding four (4) tons from travelling on that portion of Route 116 known as Smith Avenue in  
3           the town of Smithfield.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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