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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 eighteen (18) tons for a vehicle with two (2)**
5 **axles, twenty-two (22) tons for a vehicle with three (3) axles, twenty-four (24) tons for a vehicle**
6 **with four (4) axles, and twenty-seven (27) tons for a vehicle with five (5) axles, except those**
7 **listed in this section, shall be allowed to travel on that portion of Route 116 between Route 44**
8 **and West Greenville Road known as Smith Avenue in the town of Smithfield.**

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

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

15 **(d) Any commercial registered motor truck or tractor with a gross weight exceeding**
16 **eighteen (18) tons for a vehicle with two (2) axles, twenty-two (22) tons for a vehicle with three**
17 **(3) axles, twenty-four (24) tons for a vehicle with four (4) axles, and twenty-seven (27) tons for a**
18 **vehicle with five (5) axles, shall be prohibited from traveling the routes stated in subsection (a) of**
19 **this section as a through route. Signs will be posted by the department of transportation stating**

1 [the weight limits set forth in subsection \(a\) of this section.](#)

2 [\(e\) Violations of this section shall be a fine of fifty dollars \(\\$50.00\) for the first offense,](#)

3 [not to exceed one hundred dollars \(\\$100\) for each and every subsequent offense.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would impose weight restrictions on commercial motor trucks or tractors
2 travelling on that portion of Route 116 known as Smith Avenue in the town of Smithfield.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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