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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, Nesselbush, Crowley, and Conley

Date Introduced: February 04, 2016

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-25-27.6 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-25 entitled "Size,
2 Weight, and Load Limits" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~31-25-27.6. Weight restrictions on Route 15 -- Armistice Boulevard -- Pawtucket. --~~
4 **Weight restrictions on Route 15 and Ten Mile River Bridge – Armistice Boulevard -**
5 **Pawtucket. --** (a) No commercial motor truck or tractor with a gross weight exceeding ~~four (4)~~
6 ~~tons~~ eighteen (18) tons for a vehicle with two (2) axles, twenty-two (22) tons for a vehicle with
7 three (3) axles, twenty-four (24) tons for a vehicle with four (4) axles, and twenty-seven (27) tons
8 for a vehicle with five (5) axles, except those listed in this section, shall be allowed to travel on
9 Route 15 (Armistice Boulevard from Newport Avenue easterly to the Rhode Island state line) or
10 travel over Bridge No. 969, commonly referred to as the Ten Mile River Bridge on Route 15 in
11 the city of Pawtucket.

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

14 (c) The following vehicles shall be exempt from the provisions of this section: any
15 commercial vehicle whose designation is anywhere, either on or off the roads stated in subsection
16 (a) of this section, any and all emergency vehicles, state vehicles, marked school administration
17 vehicles and delivery vehicles whose destination is addressed on the parkway.

18 (d) ~~Any commercial registered motor truck or tractor with a gross weight exceeding four~~
19 ~~(4) tons, shall be prohibited from traveling the routes stated in subsection (a) as a through route.~~

1 Signs will be posted by the department of transportation stating "~~Local Deliveries Only — No~~
2 ~~Through Trucking — Four (4) Ton Weight Limit~~ weight limits set forth in subsection (a) of this
3 section."

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

6 (f) The city council of the city of Pawtucket shall have the authority to eliminate the
7 weight restrictions contained in this section should the city council determine it to be in the best
8 interest of the city.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would change the weight restriction on vehicles traveling over Bridge No. 969,
2 commonly referred to as the Ten Mile River Bridge and on a portion of Armistice Boulevard in
3 the city of Pawtucket. This act would also grant the city council of Pawtucket the authority to
4 eliminate the weight restrictions.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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