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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: March 13, 2019

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2-20-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 2-20 entitled "Lumber  
2 Surveys" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~**2-20-1. Appointment of city and town surveyors and measurers.**~~

4 ~~The city and town councils of all cities and towns where boards, plank, timber, joist and  
5 scantling are imported for sale shall annually, on or before the first day of March, appoint one or  
6 more surveyors and measurers of boards, plank, timber, joist and scantling, who are removable at  
7 the pleasure of the council. Each surveyor shall give bond, with two (2) securities, in the sum of  
8 five hundred dollars (\$500), to the city or town treasurer for the faithful discharge of the duties of  
9 the office.~~

10 SECTION 2. Section 4-15-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-15 entitled "Animals at  
11 Large" is hereby repealed.

12 ~~**4-15-2. Appointment of field drivers.**~~

13 ~~The town and city councils of the several towns and cities may appoint one or more field  
14 drivers for their cities and towns, with the same power to impound animals as the freeholders and  
15 qualified voters of the cities and towns.~~

16 SECTION 3. Section 5-8.1-18 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-8.1 entitled "Land  
17 Surveyors" is hereby repealed.

18 ~~**5-8.1-18. Board of registration for professional land surveyors -- Public works.**~~

19 ~~This state and its political subdivisions, such as county, city, town or legally constituted~~

1 ~~board, districts, commissions, or authorities, shall not engage in the practice of land surveying~~  
2 ~~involving either public or private property without the surveying being under the direct charge~~  
3 ~~and supervision of a land surveyor registered under this chapter.~~

4 SECTION 4. Sections 21-15-1 and 21-15-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 21-15  
5 entitled "Pickled Fish" are hereby repealed.

6 ~~**21-15-1. Duties of packers.**~~

7 ~~In every city or town in which pickled fish are packed for sale or exportation from the~~  
8 ~~state, the packers of every city or town shall see that the fish have been properly pickled and that~~  
9 ~~they are properly repackaged in casks, in good shipping order, with good salt sufficient in each~~  
10 ~~cask to preserve the fish from damage in transportation to any foreign port.~~

11 ~~**21-15-2. Packer's bond.**~~

12 ~~Every packer shall give bond to the city or town treasurer of the city or town in which the~~  
13 ~~packer shall be appointed, in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), with sufficient surety or~~  
14 ~~sureties to the satisfaction of the city or town treasurer, for the faithful performance of the duties~~  
15 ~~of his or her office.~~

16 SECTION 5. Section 46-10-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 46-10 entitled  
17 "Shipwrecks" is hereby repealed.

18 ~~**46-10-1. Appointment of town commissioners of wrecks and shipwrecked goods --**~~  
19 ~~**Bond.**~~

20 ~~The town council of every town, the territorial limits of which extend to the seashore,~~  
21 ~~except the town of New Shoreham, shall annually appoint a commissioner of wrecks and~~  
22 ~~shipwrecked goods, with power to appoint one or more deputies. Every commissioner of wrecks~~  
23 ~~and shipwrecked goods shall give bond with sufficient surety or sureties to the town treasurer of~~  
24 ~~the town wherein the commissioner shall be appointed, in the sum of five thousand dollars~~  
25 ~~(\$5,000) for the faithful performance of the duties of the commissioner's office.~~

26 SECTION 6. Chapter 47-7 of the General Laws entitled "Public Weighers" is hereby  
27 repealed in its entirety.

28 ~~CHAPTER 47-7~~

29 ~~Public Weighers~~

30 ~~**47-7-1. Appointment of public weighers -- Fees.**~~

31 ~~The town councils of the several towns and the city council of any city shall appoint one~~  
32 ~~or more persons to be weighers of coal and other articles of merchandise, who shall be sworn and~~  
33 ~~be removable at the pleasure of the town or city council appointing them, and shall receive such~~  
34 ~~fees as may be fixed by the town or city council of the several towns or cities, which shall be paid~~

1 ~~by the seller; provided, that no person shall act as a public weigher of coal or other merchandise~~  
2 ~~of which he or she is either the buyer or seller, or in the sale whereof he or she has any interest.~~

3 ~~**47-7-2. Sale of merchandise without certificate from weigher.**~~

4 ~~Every person who shall sell coal or other merchandise without its being first weighed by~~  
5 ~~a weigher provided for in § 47-7-1, when the weighing shall be demanded by the purchaser, and~~  
6 ~~procuring a certificate of the weight for the purchaser, shall be fined twenty dollars (\$20.00) for~~  
7 ~~each offense.~~

8 SECTION 7. Section 47-12-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 47-12 entitled "Firewood  
9 and Charcoal" is hereby repealed.

10 ~~**47-12-2. Cording fees.**~~

11 ~~Every person chosen by a town to be a corder of wood shall receive for cording and~~  
12 ~~measuring not exceeding twelve cents (12¢) per cord, to be paid by the purchaser of the wood.~~

13 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This act would eliminate the need for city and town councils to appoint certain positions
- 2   that are no longer necessary because of their antiquated duties.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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