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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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

Introduced By: Senator Stephen R. Archambault

Date Introduced: April 04, 2019

Referred To: Senate Housing & 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 **31-25-27.11. Weight restrictions on Limerock Road -- Smithfield and Lincoln.**

4 (a) The operation of through commercial vehicles on Limerock Road between Ridge
5 Road in Smithfield and Jenckes Hill Road in Lincoln is prohibited.

6 (b) For purposes of this section, a commercial vehicle is defined as a motor vehicle or
7 combination of vehicles used to transport passengers or property if the motor vehicle:

8 (1) Has a gross combination weight rating of twenty-six thousand one pounds (26,001
9 lbs.) or more, or a towed unit with a gross vehicle rating of more than ten thousand pounds
10 (10,000 lbs.) or more, or has a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand one pounds
11 (26,001 lbs.) or more; or

12 (2) Is designed to transport sixteen (16) or more passengers including the driver; or

13 (3) Is transporting hazardous materials and is required to be placarded in accordance with
14 49 C.F.R. Part 172, Subpart F, as it may be revised from time to time.

15 (c) Nothing contained in this section shall affect the use of such streets or highways by:

16 (1) Any fire truck, town public works department truck, police vehicle, ambulance,
17 school bus, bus serving the area, or other motor truck using such streets or highways in any
18 emergency or engaged in delivering goods, wares, merchandising or materials to or from any

1 residence, building or lot within the towns bordering on such streets or highways; or

2 (2) Any farm vehicle as defined in § 31-1-8, which is registered with farm plates pursuant
3 to § 31-3-31.

4 (d) In all instances where motor vehicle traffic is restricted or prohibited under this
5 section, the Smithfield town manager and Lincoln town administrator are directed to cause signs
6 to be erected on such streets or highways giving notice of such, in accordance with the manual on
7 uniform traffic control devices.

8 (e) Any driver who operates a commercial vehicle in contravention of this section shall
9 be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for a first violation, fifty dollars
10 (\$50.00) for a second violation, and not less than one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125), but no
11 more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each subsequent violation.

12 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, with a gross weight rating of twenty-
2 six thousand one pounds (26,001 lbs.) or more, from traveling on Limerock Road, in Smithfield
3 and Lincoln.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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