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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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

Introduced By: Representatives Costantino, and Hawkins

Date Introduced: February 26, 2020

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 Limits"
2 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 Douglas
5 Pike 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 thirty-five thousand one pounds (35,001 lbs.)
9 or more, or a towed unit with a gross vehicle rating of more than ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.)
10 or more, or has a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand one pounds (26,001 lbs.) or
11 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 street or roadway by:

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

1 materials to or from any residence, building or lot within the towns bordering on such streets or
2 highways; or

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

5 (d) Any driver who operates a commercial vehicle in contravention of this section shall be
6 subject to a fine of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) for a first violation and one hundred ten dollars (\$110)
7 for each subsequent violation.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect thirty (30) days after 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-six
2 thousand one pounds (26,001 lbs.) or more, from traveling on Limerock Road, in Smithfield and
3 Lincoln.

4 This act would take effect thirty (30) days after passage.

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