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

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Quezada, Lombardi, Nesselbush, and Lawson

Date Introduced: February 27, 2020

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

(Department of Transportation)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Section 31-25-27 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. Weight restrictions on state highways. Weight restrictions.**

4   (a) State Highways. The state traffic commission shall likewise have authority, as granted

5 to local authorities in this chapter, to determine by resolution and to impose restrictions as to the

6 weight of vehicles operated upon any highway under the jurisdiction of the commission, and the

7 restrictions shall be effective when signs giving notice of them are erected upon the highway or

8 portion of any highway affected by the resolution.

9   (b) Penalties for posted bridge weight violations shall be based on the fine schedule

10 imposed within the provisions of § 31-25-16.

11   (c) Bridges. For any state, local, or privately-owned bridge, the department of

12 transportation, through the state traffic commission, shall have the authority to impose a weight

13 restriction or close a bridge, based on deficiencies documented in a bridge inspection or load rating

14 for the purpose of public safety.

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

EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1   This act would authorize the department of transportation to impose a weight restriction or

2   close any state, local or privately-owned bridge, in the interest of public safety.

3   This act would take effect upon passage.