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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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

Introduced By: Representative Brian C. Newberry

Date Introduced: January 08, 2014

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  
2 Limits" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **31-25-27.8. Weight restrictions within North Smithfield town hall area. -- (a) No**  
4 commercial motor truck or tractor with a gross weight exceeding four (4) tons, except those listed  
5 in this section, shall be allowed to travel on Main Street, North Main Street, School Street, and  
6 Green Street, within 1.0 miles of the North Smithfield town hall in the town of North Smithfield.  
7 Such vehicles shall also be prohibited from crossing the historic stone arch bridge in the area of  
8 Railroad Street and Providence Pike (Route 5) in North Smithfield while construction and repair  
9 on such bridge is being undertaken.

10           (b) The director of the department of transportation is directed to post signs to limit  
11 access as prescribed in subsection (a) of this section. Signs will be posted by the department of  
12 transportation stating "Local Deliveries Only - No Through Trucking - 4 Ton Weight Limit."

13           (c) The following vehicles shall be exempt from the provisions of the travel restrictions  
14 set forth this section, except as to the prohibition against crossing the historic stone arch bridge:  
15 any commercial vehicle whose destination is anywhere either on or off the routes stated in  
16 subsection (a) of this section; any and all emergency vehicles, state, municipal vehicles, public  
17 transit vehicles, marked school administration vehicles; and vehicles participating in a civic  
18 parade. As to the historic stone arch bridge, only emergency vehicles, public transit vehicles, and  
19 marked school administration vehicles shall be exempt from the prohibition against crossing said

1 bridge while construction and repair on said bridge is being undertaken.

2 (d) Violations of this section shall be a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense,

3 not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) for each and every subsequent offense.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would put a weight restriction on certain large vehicles traveling in and around  
2 the area surrounding the North Smithfield Town Hall.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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