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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, and Mendonca

Date Introduced: March 15, 2018

Referred To: House Municipal Government

(by request)

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 **31-25-27.10. Weight restrictions on Forest Avenue - Middletown.**

4 (a) The operation of through commercial vehicles on Forest Avenue is prohibited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would impose size and weight restrictions on through traffic on Forest Avenue,
- 2 Middletown.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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