



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1271

January Session, 2007

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AN ACT CONCERNING WEIGH STATION OPERATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-270c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) The Commissioners of Public Safety and Motor Vehicles shall
4 staff the official weighing areas as follows:

5 (1) Greenwich: [Eight work shifts in each seven-day period from
6 Sunday through Saturday. No such shifts shall be worked
7 consecutively, except that two shifts may be worked consecutively on
8 not more than three days] Twelve hours per day in four-hour shifts
9 Monday through Friday and eight hours per day in four-hour shifts on
10 Saturday and Sunday;

11 (2) Danbury: [Three work shifts in each seven-day period from
12 Sunday through Saturday. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall,
13 whenever possible, coordinate coverage between this official weighing
14 area and the official weighing area in Greenwich in order to ensure
15 concurrent coverage] Eight hours per day in four-hour shifts Monday
16 through Friday and four hours per day in a four-hour shift on
17 Saturday and Sunday;

18 (3) Union: [Between five and eight work shifts in each seven-day

19 period from Sunday through Saturday. The Commissioner of Motor
20 Vehicles shall coordinate the hours of operation of this official
21 weighing area] Eight hours per day in four-hour shifts Monday
22 through Friday and four hours per day in a four-hour shift on
23 Saturday and Sunday; and

24 (4) Portable scale locations: Ten shifts in each seven-day period from
25 Sunday through Saturday which shall be staggered throughout the
26 four geographical areas established by the Commissioner of Public
27 Safety with concentration in areas that have fewer hours of operation
28 for the permanent weighing areas.

29 (b) The Commissioners of Public Safety and Motor Vehicles shall
30 adjust the work shifts required in subsection (a) of this section on a
31 daily basis in order to effectuate an unpredictable schedule.

32 (c) The Commissioner of Public Safety may assign any remaining
33 personnel in the traffic unit to the permanent weighing areas in
34 Waterford and Middletown or to the portable scale operations.

35 (d) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall assign personnel from
36 the traffic unit to work between nine and twelve shifts in each seven-
37 day period from Sunday through Saturday to patrol and enforce laws
38 relative to the safe movement of all vehicles on the highways of the
39 state.

40 (e) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Commissioner of Public
41 Safety from reassigning personnel in the traffic unit as he deems
42 necessary in order to ensure public safety.

43 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Logs shall be maintained for
44 every shift at all weigh stations in Connecticut. Each log shall contain
45 the following information: (1) Location, date and hours of each shift,
46 (2) the hours the "OPEN" sign is illuminated, (3) the number of
47 Department of Motor Vehicles and Department of Public Safety
48 officers or civilian technicians at each shift, (4) the numbers and
49 weights of all vehicles inspected, (5) the types of vehicles inspected, (6)

50 the number and types of citations issued, (7) revenues collected, and
51 (8) operating costs per shift.

52 (b) Not later than January 1, 2008, a written report shall be
53 submitted to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
54 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation. Such report
55 shall be submitted semiannually, and shall also be posted on the
56 Department of Motor Vehicles' and Department of Public Safety's web
57 sites.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	14-270c
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

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