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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-298 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (a) There shall be within the Department of Transportation a State
4 Traffic Commission. Said Traffic Commission shall consist of the
5 Commissioner of Transportation, the Commissioner of Public Safety
6 and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

7 (b) For the purpose of standardization and uniformity, said
8 commission shall adopt [and cause to be printed for publication]
9 regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
10 establishing a uniform system of traffic control signals, devices, signs
11 and markings consistent with the provisions of this chapter for use
12 upon the public highways. Such regulations shall also set forth the
13 criteria used by the commission to approve or deny a request for the
14 prohibition of truck traffic through an area. The commissioner shall
15 make known to the General Assembly the availability of such
16 regulations and any requesting member shall be sent a written copy or

17 electronic storage media of such regulations by the commissioner.
18 Taking into consideration the public safety and convenience with
19 respect to the width and character of the highways and roads affected,
20 the density of traffic thereon and the character of such traffic, said
21 commission shall also adopt regulations, in cooperation and agreement
22 with local traffic authorities, governing the use of state highways and
23 roads on state-owned properties, and the operation of vehicles
24 including but not limited to motor vehicles, as defined by section 14-1
25 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, and bicycles, as defined
26 by section 14-286, thereon. A list of limited-access highways shall be
27 published with such regulations and said list shall be revised and
28 published once each year. The commissioner shall make known to the
29 General Assembly the availability of such regulations and list and any
30 requesting member shall be sent a written copy or electronic storage
31 media of such regulations and list by the commissioner. A list of
32 limited-access highways opened to traffic by the Commissioner of
33 Transportation in the interim period between publications shall be
34 maintained in the office of the State Traffic Commission and such
35 regulations shall apply to the use of such listed highways.

36 (c) Said commission shall also make regulations, in cooperation and
37 agreement with local traffic authorities, respecting the use by through
38 truck traffic of streets and highways within the limits of, and under the
39 jurisdiction of, any city, town or borough of this state for the protection
40 and safety of the public.

41 (d) If said commission determines that the prohibition of through
42 truck traffic on any street or highway is necessary because of an
43 immediate and imminent threat to the public health and safety and the
44 local traffic authority is precluded for any reason from acting on such
45 prohibition, the commission, if it is not otherwise precluded from so
46 acting, may impose such prohibition.

47 (e) Said commission may place and maintain traffic control signals,
48 signs, markings and other safety devices, which it deems to be in the

49 interests of public safety, upon such highways as come within the
50 jurisdiction of said commission as set forth in section 14-297.

51 (f) The traffic authority of any city, town or borough may place and
52 maintain traffic control signals, signs, markings and other safety
53 devices upon the highways under its jurisdiction, and all such signals,
54 devices, signs and markings shall conform to the regulations
55 established by said commission in accordance with this chapter, and
56 such traffic authority shall, with respect to traffic control signals,
57 conform to the provisions of section 14-299.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2008	14-298

Statement of Purpose:

To require the State Traffic Commission to adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes which set forth the criteria used by the commission to approve or deny a request for the prohibition of truck traffic through an area.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]