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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF THE
OFFICIAL WEIGHING AREAS IN GREENWICH, DANBURY AND
UNION.**

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 Section 14-270c of the general statutes is repealed and the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 October 1, 2008*):

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;

9 (2) Danbury: Three work shifts in each seven-day period from
10 Sunday through Saturday. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall,
11 whenever possible, coordinate coverage between this official weighing
12 area and the official weighing area in Greenwich in order to ensure
13 concurrent coverage;

14 (3) Union: Between five and eight work shifts in each seven-day
15 period from Sunday through Saturday. The Commissioner of Motor
16 Vehicles shall coordinate the hours of operation of this official
17 weighing area; and

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

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

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

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

34 (e) Nothing in subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section shall
35 prohibit the Commissioner of Public Safety from reassigning personnel
36 in the traffic unit as he deems necessary in order to ensure public
37 safety.

38 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (e),
39 inclusive, of this section, the official weighing areas in Greenwich,
40 Danbury and Union shall have the following hours of operation: (1)
41 Greenwich: Monday to Friday, inclusive, twelve hours per day;
42 Saturday and Sunday, eight hours per day: (2) Danbury: Monday to
43 Friday, inclusive, eight hours per day; Saturday and Sunday, four

44 hours per day; (3) Union: Monday to Friday, inclusive, eight hours per
45 day; Saturday and Sunday, four hours per day.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-270c

Statement of Purpose:

To require extended hours of operation at the Greenwich, Danbury and Union official weighing areas and improve highway safety by reducing the number of overweight and unsafe trucks on Connecticut highways.

[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.]