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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- STATE AND
MUNICIPAL COURT COMPACT**

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, and Bissaillon

Date Introduced: March 08, 2024

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8-18-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 8-18 entitled "State and
2 Municipal Court Compact" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **8-18-3. Jurisdiction for certain violations.**

4 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, jurisdiction over the adjudication of matters
5 relating to violations enumerated in the following sections of the general laws is hereby conferred
6 upon the municipal courts and the traffic tribunal:

- 7 31-13-4 31-13-9 31-13-11 31-14-3 31-14-9 31-15-1 31-15-3
- 8 31-15-4 31-15-5 31-15-6 31-15-7 31-15-9 31-15-11 31-15-12
- 9 31-15-13 31-16-1 31-16-2 31-16-4 31-16-5 31-16-7 31-16-9
- 10 31-17-1 31-17-2 31-17-4 31-17-6 31-17-7 31-18-12 31-20-1
- 11 31-20-2 31-20-9 31-21-4 31-22-2 31-22-4 31-22-5 31-22-6
- 12 31-22-7 31-22-8 31-22-9 31-23-1 31-23-8 31-23-13 31-23-14
- 13 31-23-15 31-24-1 31-24-4 31-24-5 31-24-7 31-24-12 31-38-4
- 14 31-12-12 37-15-7 31-3-29 31-3-30 31-3-34 31-3-35 31-8-1
- 15 31-10-32 31-10.1-1 31-10.1-4 31-10.1-5 31-10.1-6 31-13-6 31-15-8
- 16 31-23-45 31-14-1 31-17-3 31-23-4 31-23-10 31-23-17 31-23-19
- 17 31-23-20 31-23-26 31-23-27 31-23-40 31-23-42.1 31-3-18 31-10-27
- 18 31-18-3 31-10.1-7 31-38-3 31-14-12 31-17-5 31-25-9 31-25-11

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4 31-3-12 31-24-9 31-22-22 31-28-7 31-28-7.1 31-3-32 31-18-4
5 24-10-18 31-18-5 31-18-15 31-18-18 31-21-14 31-22-3 31-23-16
6 31-24-6 31-24-8 31-24-31 31-27-16 31-22-23 31-10-30 31-10-10
7 31-19-3 31-3-40 31-22-24 31-23-51 31-7-1 31-15-2 31-15-12.1
8 31-16-8 31-20-17 31-24-16 31-24-17 31-24-20 31-24-22 31-24-23
9 31-24-24 31-24-25 31-24-26 31-24-27 31-24-28 31-24-29 31-24-30
10 31-24-32 31-24-33 31-24-36 31-24-38 31-24-39 31-24-40 31-24-41
11 31-24-42 31-24-43 31-24-46 31-24-49 31-24-51 31-24-53 31-26-3.1
12 31-27-17 31-27-19 31-33-2 31-45-1 4-1-26 31-10.1-2 31-20-10
13 31-22-13 31-24-13 31-27-10 31-41.1-4 [31.41.2-3](#)

14 (Speeding
15 (A)).

16 (b) Except as provided in §§ 8-18-9, 8-18-10, and 31-41.1-11 jurisdiction over violations
17 enumerated in subsection (a) shall be exercised as follows:

18 (1) By the traffic tribunal over all violations for which the summons is issued by a state
19 agency;

20 (2) By the traffic tribunal over all violations for which the summons is issued by a city or
21 town which has not established a municipal court; and

22 (3) By the municipal court over all violations for which the summons is issued by a city or
23 town which has established a municipal court.

24 SECTION 2. Section 31-41.2-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-41.2 entitled
25 "Automated Traffic Violation Monitoring Systems" is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 **31-41.2-3. Automated traffic violation monitoring systems.**

27 (a) The state department of transportation and the municipalities of this state are hereby
28 authorized to install and operate automated traffic violation detection systems. Such systems shall
29 be limited to systems which monitor and detect violations of traffic control signals. For purposes
30 of this chapter an automated traffic violation detection system means a system with one or more
31 motor vehicle sensors which produces images of motor vehicles being operated in violation of
32 traffic signal laws. [A municipality shall be permitted to install, at up to no more than three \(3\)](#)
33 [designated "Don't Block the Box" intersections within the municipality, an automated traffic](#)
34 [detection system to monitor violations of § 31-15-12.2; provided, however, that the provisions](#)

1 [allowing such "Don't Block the Box" monitoring shall sunset on January 15, 2027, at which time](#)
2 [such use as provided in this section shall no longer be permitted.](#)

3 (b) No automated traffic violation detection system shall be installed pursuant to this
4 section which has not been approved for use by the director of the state department of
5 transportation. The director of the state department of transportation shall promulgate regulations
6 for the approval and operation of said systems pursuant to the administrative procedures act, chapter
7 35 of title 42. Systems shall be approved if the director is satisfied they meet standards of efficiency
8 and accuracy. All systems installed for use under this chapter must be able to record the image of
9 the vehicle and the license plates of the vehicle.

10 (c) In the event that the system is to be installed other than by the state department of
11 transportation on state-maintained streets or roads, the director of the department of transportation
12 must approve such installation.

13 (d) The state department of transportation and/or the municipalities may enter into an
14 agreement with a private corporation or other entity to provide automated traffic violation detection
15 systems or equipment and to maintain such systems.

16 (e) Compensation to a private entity that provides traffic signal monitoring devices shall
17 be based on the value of such equipment and related support services, and shall not be based on the
18 revenue generated by such systems.

19 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and the provisions of this act shall
20 sunset on January 15, 2027.

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1 This act would authorize the "Don't Block the Box" traffic signal laws and would include
2 violations of § 31-15-12.2 at up to three designated intersections per municipality and would sunset
3 on January 15, 2027.

4 This act would take effect upon passage and the provisions of this act would sunset on
5 January 15, 2027.

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