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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM
COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT

Introduced By: Senators Thompson, Dimitri, Patalano, Raptakis, LaMountain, Pearson,
Murray, and Valverde

Date Introduced: February 26, 2025

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-10.3 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Uniform
2 Commercial Driver's License Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-10.3-13.1. Education and training to recognize and report human trafficking.**

4 Any trade school or education program offering instruction in the operation of commercial
5 motor vehicles for licensure pursuant to this chapter, and any entity employing a certified
6 commercial driving instructor to provide commercial driver training, as defined in this chapter,
7 shall offer and include, as part of the commercial motor vehicle driving course curriculum,
8 industry-specific training on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking. The
9 office of the postsecondary commissioner shall be responsible for ensuring the instruction
10 requirements of this section are met. The postsecondary commissioner, in conjunction with
11 organizations that specialize in the recognition and prevention of human trafficking, shall annually
12 review and update the training to include changes and trends in human trafficking.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide that commercial driver instruction would include industry-specific
- 2 training on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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