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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE
ROADS

Introduced By: Representative Alex D. Marszalkowski

Date Introduced: April 17, 2026

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 24-8 of the General Laws entitled "Construction and Maintenance of
2 State Roads" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 **24-8-4.3. Traffic control – Use of crash truck - Cameras.**
- 4 (a) Effective January 1, 2027, all contractors performing work on any project for the Rhode
5 Island department of transportation (RIDOT) or Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority
6 (RITBA) on state-owned or maintained roads or bridges, shall have in place a traffic control and
7 monitoring plan, which shall be filed with RIDOT and/or RITBA as part of any bid or contract
8 relative to the contract or work being performed. As part of the traffic control and monitoring plan,
9 a contractor shall have on site a crash truck/attenuator truck as referred to in § 24-8-4.2 which shall
10 include traffic monitoring cameras. The crash truck/attenuator truck shall be in place and the
11 camera operational during any time in which construction or maintenance work is being undertaken
12 on any state highway and/or interstate connector; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, these
13 requirements and the provisions of this section do not apply to work performed by public utilities.
- 14 (b) The crash truck/attenuator truck shall be equipped with at least one camera facing
15 oncoming traffic if the work being performed is on a divided highway and, if not a divided highway,
16 a camera facing in both directions of any roadway on which the work is being performed.
- 17 (c) In the event any motor vehicle accident occurs at the work site and any state employee
18 or construction worker is injured or killed while engaged in the road work, a copy of all videos

1 generated from the cameras shall be provided to the Rhode Island state police and the department
2 of attorney general for purposes of identifying the operator of the vehicle, determining the cause of
3 the accident and shall be used in the course of any investigation and the prosecution of any person
4 determined to be at fault, whether through negligence, recklessness or deliberate conduct.

5 (d)(1) Every person/contractor convicted of a first violation of this section shall be subject
6 to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500).

7 (2) Every person/contractor convicted of a second and subsequent violation of this section
8 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to imprisonment for not more than one year and/or a
9 fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that any contractor performing any construction or maintenance for
2 RIDOT, RITBA or any other construction on any state roads have in place an attenuator truck/crash
3 truck with an operational camera.

4 This act would take effect on January 1, 2027.

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