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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND
RULES OF THE ROAD

Introduced By: Senators Paolino, Lauria, de la Cruz, Acosta, and Bissaillon

Date Introduced: February 13, 2026

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-15-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-15 entitled "Passing, Use
2 of Lanes, and Rules of the Road" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-15-2. Slow traffic to right.**

4 [\(a\)](#) Upon all roadways any vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the
5 time and place and under the conditions then existing shall be driven in the right-hand lane then
6 available for traffic, or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except
7 when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing
8 for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway. Violations of this section are
9 subject to fines enumerated in § 31-41.1-4.

10 [\(b\) On any multi-lane, limited access highway, the extreme left-hand lane shall be reserved](#)
11 [for passing slower vehicles only, and occupation of that lane when not passing shall be a violation](#)
12 [of this section and subject to the fines enumerated in § 31-41.1-4.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would make a violation using the passing lane on limited access highways when
- 2 not passing another vehicle.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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