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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC
TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Introduced By: Representatives Fogarty, Amore, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Hull, Messier,
and Donovan

Date Introduced: February 26, 2021

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-18 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Public Transit
2 Authority" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3 **39-18-25. Limitations of damages.**

4 In any tort action against the authority, its members and/or its employees acting in their
5 official capacity, any damages recovered therein shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand
6 dollars (\$100,000).

7 **39-18-26. Damages in excess of limitation.**

8 The general assembly may, by special act, authorize actions of tort against the authority,
9 its members and/or its employees acting in their official capacity, in particular cases in which the
10 amount of damages to be recovered may exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would limit damages to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in any tort action
2 against the Rhode Island public transit authority, except in cases where the general assembly, by a
3 special act, authorizes a tort action in excess of that amount.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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