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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MISCELLANEOUS RULES

Introduced By: Representative Peter G. Palumbo

Date Introduced: January 16, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-22 of the General Laws entitled "Miscellaneous Rules" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-22-28.1. Dogs prohibited from sitting on lap of operator of motor vehicle. -- It**
4 **shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle with a dog sitting in the lap of the**
5 **motor vehicle operator. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall, upon**
6 **conviction, be subject to a fine of eighty-five dollars (\$85.00); for a second conviction shall be**
7 **subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100); and for a third and subsequent convictions a**
8 **person shall be subject to a fine of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125). All violations arising**
9 **out of this section shall be heard in the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal.**

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would prohibit dogs from sitting on the lap of a motor vehicle operator. Any
- 2 person in violation of such would be subject to fines.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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