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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS

Introduced By: Representatives Winfield, and Petrarca

Date Introduced: January 19, 2012

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 32-6-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 32-6 entitled "Public Use of
2 Private Lands-Liability Limitations" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **32-6-2. Definitions.** -- As used in this chapter:

4 (1) "Charge" means the admission price or fee asked in return for invitation or
5 permission to enter or go upon the land;

6 (2) "Land" means land, roads, water, watercourses, private ways and buildings,
7 structures, and machinery or equipment when attached to the realty;

8 (3) "Owner" means the private owner possessor of a fee interest, or tenant, lessee,
9 occupant, or person in control of the premises including the state and municipalities;

10 (4) "Recreational purposes" includes, but is not limited to, any of the following, or any
11 combination thereof: hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking,
12 horseback riding, bicycling, pleasure driving, [four-wheel driving](#), nature study, water skiing,
13 water sports, viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites, and all
14 other recreational purposes contemplated by this chapter; and

15 (5) "User" means any person using land for recreational purposes.

16 SECTION 2. Title 32 of the General Laws entitled "PARKS AND RECREATIONAL
17 AREAS" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

18 [CHAPTER 8](#)

19 [RECREATIONAL FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE TRAILS](#)

1 **32-8-1. Establishment of Recreational Four-Wheel (4x4) Drive Trails.** – [The division](#)
2 [of parks and recreation within the department of environmental management shall establish](#)
3 [recreational four-wheel drive \(4x4\) trails on state owned land and allow said use under the](#)
4 [provisions of chapter 32-6 of the general laws.](#)

5 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would provide for the establishment of four-wheel drive (4x4) trails on state
2 owned land.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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