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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TAXICABS AND LIMITED
PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Jacquard, and Nunes

Date Introduced: February 12, 2013

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-14 of the General Laws entitled "Taxicabs and Limited Public
2 Motor Vehicles" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **39-14-27. Criminal records background check. -- (a) Any person seeking employment**
4 **or employed subsequent to January 1, 2000 with a taxicab company or limited public motor**
5 **vehicle company shall undergo a national and state criminal background check.**

6 **(b) The applicant or employee shall apply to the bureau of criminal identification (BCI),**
7 **department of attorney general, state police or local police department where they reside, for a**
8 **national and state a criminal records check. Fingerprinting shall be required. Upon the discovery**
9 **of any disqualifying information, the bureau of criminal identification, state police or local police**
10 **department will inform the applicant or employee, in writing, of the nature of the disqualifying**
11 **information; and, without disclosing the nature of the disqualifying information will notify the**
12 **employer, in writing, that disqualifying information has been discovered. The employer shall**
13 **maintain on file evidence that criminal records checks have been initiated on all employees**
14 **seeking employment subsequent to January 1, 2000, and the results of the checks. The applicant**
15 **or employee shall be responsible for the costs of the national and state criminal records check.**

16 **(c) At the conclusion of the criminal background check required in this section, the**
17 **attorney general, state police or local police department shall promptly destroy the fingerprint**
18 **record of the applicant or employee obtained pursuant to this chapter.**

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require all applicants and employees of taxicab companies and all other
2 limited public motor vehicle companies to undergo a national and state criminal background
3 check.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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