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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES
MANDATORY MINIMUM CHARGE

Introduced By: Representative Charlene Lima

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 39-14.1-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-14.1 entitled "Public
2 Motor Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **39-14.1-6. Operations of public motor vehicles.** -- No public motor vehicle shall be
4 operated from any taxicab stand on any public highway; nor shall the operator of it transport any
5 passenger for hire unless the transportation is requested by the passenger at an office of the owner
6 of the vehicle, either personally or by telephone and/or other electronic means. When solicited by
7 a prospective customer the certificate holder or its representative shall quote what the actual
8 charge for the requested transportation service will be prior to picking up the passenger(s).

9 The division shall not establish and set a mandatory minimum allowable charge for
10 public motor vehicle transportation services. ~~The minimum allowable charge provisions of this~~
11 ~~section shall not apply to public motor vehicle service coordinated by or paid for by a state~~
12 ~~department, authority or agency on behalf of clients of said state department, authority or agency;~~
13 ~~provided, however, that the state department, authority or agency requests the service no later~~
14 ~~than the day before the service is to be rendered.~~

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

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1 This act would prevent the division of public utilities and carriers from establishing
2 mandatory minimum allowable charge for public motor vehicle transportation services, that is
3 those provided in unmarked vehicles at a predetermined or prearranged charge to such points as
4 may be directed by the passenger.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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