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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PEDESTRIANS

Introduced By: Senators E O'Neill, Cote, Sosnowski, Picard, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: February 11, 2016

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-18-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-18 entitled
2 "Pedestrians" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-18-8. Due care by drivers.** -- Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter or the
4 provisions of any local ordinance, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid
5 colliding with any pedestrian, [jogger, runner](#) or any person propelling a human-powered vehicle
6 upon any roadway, shall give an audible signal when necessary, and shall exercise proper
7 precaution upon observing any child or any obviously confused, intoxicated, or incapacitated
8 person. [For the purpose of this section, "due care" shall require the driver to leave at least three](#)
9 [feet \(3'\) between the driver's vehicle and what the driver could reasonably anticipate the](#)
10 [pedestrian's position to be.](#) Violations of this section are subject to fines enumerated in § 31-41.1-
11 4.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require drivers of motor vehicles to stay at least three feet (3') away from
2 pedestrians.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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