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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- THE RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE AND TURNPIKE  
AUTHORITY--TOLL EVADERS

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, and Felag

Date Introduced: February 25, 2016

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 24-12-37.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 24-12 entitled "Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority" is hereby repealed.

~~**24-12-37.1. Additional penalties -- Toll evaders.** (a) Any toll evader who fails or refuses to pay or prepay the required toll, and such violation may be evidenced by video or photograph, shall be required to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) and shall pay the toll amount due and an administrative fee of six dollars (\$6.00) or may have his or her driver's license suspended for up to six (6) months for the violation, or both. A toll evader under this subsection shall receive a traffic violation summons which shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Traffic Tribunal. The administrative fee and toll amount due under this subsection shall be remitted to the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority.~~

~~(b) "Toll Evader" means, for the purposes of this section, any person who: (1) Uses any project and fails or refuses to pay the required toll; (2) Does not accept an unpaid toll invoice from the authority upon entering the toll plaza area or uses the project without obtaining an unpaid toll invoice prior to using the project; and (3) Whose actions can be reasonably construed as a deliberate attempt to avoid paying the toll.~~

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would repeal the law providing for additional penalties for toll evaders on Rhode
- 2   Island bridges and turnpikes.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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