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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 - OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS'
LICENSES

Introduced By: Senator Daniel DaPonte

Date Introduced: March 31, 2016

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-10-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-10 entitled "Operators'
2 and Chauffeurs' Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-10-2. Persons exempt from licensing requirements. --** The following persons are
4 exempt from the licensing requirements of this chapter:

5 (1) Any employee of the United States government while operating a motor vehicle
6 owned by or leased to the United States government and being operated on official business;

7 (2) A nonresident who is at least sixteen (16) years of age and who has in his or her
8 immediate possession a valid operator's license issued to him or her in his or her home state or
9 country may operate a motor vehicle in this state only as an operator;

10 (3) Any individual who holds an active work or study visa validly issued by the United
11 States Citizenship and Immigration Services and who is at least sixteen (16) years of age and who
12 has in their immediate possession a valid operator's license issued to them by their native country
13 may operate a motor vehicle in this state only as an operator for the duration of the term of the
14 issued visa.

15 ~~(3)~~(4) A nonresident who is at least eighteen (18) years of age and who has in his or her
16 immediate possession a valid chauffeur's license issued to him or her in his or her home state or
17 country may operate a motor vehicle in this state either as an operator or chauffeur. Subject to the
18 age limits applicable to chauffeurs in this state, that license shall be accepted as a chauffeur class

1 I license. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a nonresident must submit an application for a chauffeur
2 class I license which must be approved before a nonresident may be employed as a chauffeur in
3 this state;

4 ~~(4)~~(5) Any nonresident who is at least eighteen (18) years of age, whose home state or
5 country does not require the licensing of operators, may operate a motor vehicle as an operator
6 only, for a period of not more than ninety (90) days in any calendar year, if the motor vehicle so
7 operated is duly registered in the home state or country of that nonresident;

8 ~~(5)~~(6) Any operator of any traction engine, road roller, farm tractor, crane, power shovel,
9 well-borer, and any other road and building construction machinery and equipment, other than a
10 truck used for the transportation of materials.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would exempt sixteen (16) year old individuals validly licensed in their native
2 country and possessing a valid study or work visa issued by the federal government from state
3 motor vehicle licensing requirements.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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