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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SPARE TIRE OR EQUIVALENT

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Canario, Coughlin, Mendonca, and
McLaughlin

Date Introduced: February 08, 2017

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-4-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-4 entitled "Transfer of
2 Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-4-11. Sale of automobiles -- Required equipment.**

4 (a) No automobile shall be sold, whether new or used, by a dealer, at wholesale or retail,
5 unless the automobile is equipped with a spare tire and a jack, both of which must be functional
6 and operational. The provisions of this section shall not apply:

7 (1) To an automobile equipped with tires that without any tire air inflation permit vehicle
8 operation for at least fifty (50) miles at speeds up to at least fifty-five (55) miles per hour; ~~or~~

9 (2) An automobile equipped with a factory installed tire repair and inflation system; ~~or~~

10 (3) An automobile equipped with self-sealing tires or other technological improvements,
11 consistent with federal motor vehicle safety standards.

12 (b) A violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would permit self-sealing tires as a substitute for a jack and spare for resale
2 purposes.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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