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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE TOWING
STORAGE ACT'S PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO POLICE SEIZURES OF VEHICLES**

Introduced By: Representatives McEntee, Tanzi, and Craven

Date Introduced: March 01, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of seven (7) members: two (2) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island House
3 of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the
4 Administrator of the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, or designee; one of whom shall be
5 the Attorney General of Rhode Island, or designee; one of whom shall be a representative of the
6 insurance industry, to be appointed by the Speaker; one of whom shall be a representative of the
7 towing industry, to be appointed by the Speaker; and one of whom shall be the President of the
8 Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association, or designee.

9 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
10 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
11 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
12 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which
13 is entitled to the appointment consents to the member of the general public.

14 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and provide
15 recommendations on the Towing Storage Act's provisions relative to police seizures of vehicles.

16 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
17 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson from among the
18 legislators.

19 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

1 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

2 All departments and agencies of the state, shall furnish such advice and information,
3 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
4 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

5 The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters
6 for said commission; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
8 House of Representatives no later than May 24, 2018, and said commission shall expire on June
9 5, 2018.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
HOUSE RESOLUTION
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1 This resolution would create a seven (7) member special legislative study commission
2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study and provide recommendations on the
3 Towing Storage Act's provisions relative to police seizures of vehicles, and who would report
4 back to the House of representatives no later than May 24, 2018, and whose life would expire on
5 June 5, 2018.

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