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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017**

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RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - ROAD TEST LICENSE APPLICANTS

Introduced By: Senators Quezada, Crowley, Calkin, Metts, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: February 02, 2017

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 31-10-22 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-10 entitled "Operators'  
2 and Chauffeurs' Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **31-10-22. Road test.**

4           (a) All applicants for a motor vehicle license shall pass a motor vehicle road test as  
5 prescribed by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles in a motor vehicle supplied by  
6 the applicant or in a dual controlled motor vehicle supplied by the state. In the case of the  
7 examination for a chauffeur to operate a truck, tractor, trailer, tractor semi-trailer, bus, or other  
8 vehicle for hire or a person who will operate only a vehicle equipped with automatic shift or a  
9 person who is disabled and requires the use of a specially equipped motor vehicle, those persons  
10 shall be examined in vehicles furnished by them. At the option of any person who is disabled, the  
11 road test shall be administered by the local office of the division of motor vehicles nearest that  
12 person's home. A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be charged for all road tests, including  
13 repeat road tests, following failure of a road test.

14           (b) Any applicant for a motor vehicle license, with limited English proficiency (LEP)  
15 may during the road test, be accompanied by an interpreter, at their own expense and choosing,  
16 who may translate the road test examiner's directions to the applicant. The interpreter shall be  
17 eighteen (18) years of age or older. The applicant shall be responsible for and assume all liability  
18 for the presence of the interpreter in the motor vehicle. The division of motor vehicles is  
19 authorized and directed to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions

1 [of this subsection.](#)

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow driver's license applicants with limited English proficiency (LEP) to  
2 be accompanied by an interpreter, at their own expense and choosing, during their road test. This  
3 interpreter shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

4           This act would take effect on January 1, 2018.

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