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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Introduced By: Representatives Fogarty, Amore, Hull, and Winfield

Date Introduced: February 28, 2018

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-18 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Public Transit  
2 Authority" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3 **39-18-25. Limitations of damages.**

4 In any tort action against the authority, its members and/or its employees acting in their  
5 official capacity, any damages recovered therein shall not exceed the sum of one hundred  
6 thousand dollars (\$100,000).

7 **39-18-26. Damages in excess of limitation.**

8 The general assembly may, by special act, authorize actions of tort against the authority,  
9 its members and/or its employees acting in their official capacity, in particular cases in which the  
10 amount of damages to be recovered may exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would limit damages to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in any tort  
2 action against the public transit authority, except in cases where the general assembly, by a  
3 special act, authorizes a tort action in excess of that amount.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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