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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - AUTOMATED SCHOOL-ZONE-SPEED-ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM ACT OF 2016

Introduced By: Representatives Perez, Hull, Lombardi, McNamara, and Solomon

Date Introduced: March 22, 2018

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-41.3-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-41.3 entitled  
2 "Automated School-Zone-Speed-Enforcement System Act of 2016" is hereby amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 **31-41.3-4. Automated school-zone-speed-enforcement system operational**  
5 **requirements and certification.**

6 (a) No automated school-zone-speed-enforcement system shall be used in the state of  
7 Rhode Island unless the system has been approved and certified for use in the state by the director  
8 of the department of transportation. The director of the department of transportation, in  
9 cooperation with the state police, shall require that any automated school-zone-speed-  
10 enforcement system approved and certified for use in the state of Rhode Island meets the  
11 following requirements:

12 (1) All automated school-zone-speed-enforcement systems operated under this chapter  
13 shall, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. only, record the speed of vehicles within plus  
14 or minus one mile per hour of the actual speed.

15 (2) All automated school-zone-speed-enforcement systems operated under this chapter  
16 shall record at least two (2) photographic images of the vehicle exceeding the speed limit, one of  
17 which shall include the license plate attached to the rear of the vehicle.

18 (3) All automated school-zone-speed-enforcement systems operated under this chapter

1 shall, at the time of violation, imprint upon the photographic images of vehicles exceeding the  
2 speed limit:

3 (i) The date and time of the violation; and

4 (ii) The identity of the street, or school zone being monitored, and location upon that  
5 street, or within that school zone, including the direction of travel and lane of travel; this  
6 requirement may be met with code designations; and

7 (iii) The posted or lawfully designated speed limit for the street or school zone being  
8 monitored; and

9 (iv) The monitored speed of the vehicle identified in the photographic images as  
10 exceeding the posted or lawfully designated school zone speed limit; and

11 (v) The consecutive event number of each photograph taken.

12 (4) At least one hundred feet (100') prior to entering an automated school-zone area  
13 where a speed-enforcement system is being operated, conspicuous signs, featuring flashing lights,  
14 shall be erected warning motorists that they will be entering an area monitored by an automated  
15 speed-zone-enforcement system and that violators of speed limitations may be prosecuted.

16 (b) Payment period. Every person issued a citation pursuant to this chapter shall be  
17 allowed thirty (30) days within which to pay the citation and fourteen (14) days within which to  
18 request a hearing.

19 (c) Payment amount. Notwithstanding any general or public law to the contrary,  
20 violations pursuant to this chapter shall be assessed in the amount of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)  
21 per violation.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that signage for automated school-zone-speed-enforcement  
2 systems include lights, limits hours of operation to 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and sets the fine at  
3 thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) payable in thirty (30) days.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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