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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - USE OF LANES

Introduced By: Representatives Canario, Shanley, Donovan, Jackson, and Casey

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-15-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-15 entitled "Passing,
2 Use of Lanes, and Rules of the Road" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-15-2. Slow traffic to right.**

4 (a) Upon all roadways any vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at
5 the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall be driven in the right-hand lane
6 then available for traffic, or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway,
7 except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when
8 preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway. Violations of this
9 section are subject to fines enumerated in § 31-41.1-4.

10 (b) On any multi-lane, limited access highway, the extreme left-hand lane shall be
11 reserved for passing slower vehicles only, and occupation of that lane when not passing shall be a
12 violation of this section and subject to the fines enumerated in § 31-41.1-4.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would make using the passing lane on limited access highways a violation when
2 not passing another vehicle.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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