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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEALERSHIPS

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Corvese, Knight, Costantino, and Vella-
Wilkinson

Date Introduced: January 22, 2020

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-4-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-4 entitled "Transfer of
2 Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-4-11. Sale of automobiles -- Required equipment.**

4 (a) No automobile shall be sold, whether new or used, by a dealer, at wholesale or retail,
5 unless the automobile is equipped with a spare tire and a jack, both of which must be functional
6 and operational. The provisions of this section shall not apply:

7 (1) To an automobile equipped with tires that without any tire air inflation permit vehicle
8 operation for at least fifty (50) miles at speeds up to at least fifty-five (55) miles per hour; or

9 (2) An automobile equipped with a factory installed tire repair and inflation system.

10 (b) A violation of ~~this~~ section [\(a\) of this section](#) shall constitute a misdemeanor.

11 (c) [For each sale of a new or used vehicle by a dealer, the dealer shall provide a written](#)
12 [disclosure that the vehicle has a spare tire and jack or the vehicle is equipped with one of the](#)
13 [exceptions to a spare tire and jack as provided in this section. There shall be a civil penalty of](#)
14 [fifty dollars \(\\$50.00\) for a violation under this subsection.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require motor vehicle dealers to disclose in writing that a vehicle being
2 sold has a spare tire and jack or is otherwise equipped in compliance with applicable law. There
3 shall be a civil penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a violation under this subsection.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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