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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- NONTRANSPARENT WINDSHIELDS
AND WINDOWS

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, DeSimone, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: January 31, 2025

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-23.3-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-23.3 entitled
2 "Nontransparent Windshields and Windows" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-23.3-5. Penalties.**

4 (a) Any person, firm, corporation, or other business entity that installs any suncreening
5 material which is not in compliance with the provisions of this chapter shall be fined not more than
6 two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each offense.

7 (b) Any person who owns a motor vehicle which has installed on it any sunscreening device
8 or material in violation of this chapter shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

9 (c) The owner of a rented or leased motor vehicle shall be entitled to establish non-liability
10 for violations under this section by providing to the traffic tribunal or any municipality which has
11 jurisdiction over the citation, a copy of a written rental or lease agreement which shall be prima
12 facie evidence that the lessee was the operator of the vehicle.

13 (d) The issuing authority shall provide the owner of a rented or leased vehicle a notice, in
14 writing, of each violation under this section in which a motor vehicle owned by the rental or leasing
15 company is involved, including the license number of the vehicle and the date and time of the
16 violation. Upon receipt of this notice, the owner of a rented or leased vehicle shall inform the
17 issuing authority, within twenty (20) days, to the extent available, the operator's name, home
18 address, employer, employer's address, and local address, if any.

1 (e) The renter or lessee shall not be considered an agent of the owner if the owner is
2 engaged in the business of renting or leasing vehicles.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would allow the owner of a rented or leased motor vehicle to provide a copy of a
2 written rental or lease agreement to establish non-liability for traffic violations. It would also
3 require the ticketing authority to provide the owner of a rental or lease vehicle to provide a notice,
4 in writing of each violation, which includes the license number of the vehicle and the date and time
5 of the violation.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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