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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

A N A C T

RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND
RULES OF THE ROAD

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Slater, Fogarty, Fascia, and Sanchez

Date Introduced: February 26, 2025

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Judiciary)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-15-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-15 entitled "Passing, Use
2 of Lanes, and Rules of the Road" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-15-9. One way highways.**

4 (a) The state traffic commission may designate any highway or any separate roadway under
5 its jurisdiction for one-way traffic and shall erect appropriate signs giving notice of one-way traffic.

6 (b) Upon a roadway designated and signposted for one-way traffic a vehicle shall be driven
7 only in the direction designated. [Violations of this section are subject to fines enumerated in § 31-](#)
8 [41.1-4.](#)

9 (c) ~~Violations of this section are subject to fines enumerated in § 31-41.1-4~~ [If a motorist](#)
10 [violates this section on an interstate highway or on an entrance or exit ramp connected to an](#)
11 [interstate highway, the motorist may be subject to a fine of up to five hundred dollars \(\\$500\) or](#)
12 [license suspension of up to six \(6\) months, or both.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would add a provision in the statute relating to one way highways, providing an
2 increased penalty when a motorist travels the wrong way on an interstate highway or an entrance
3 or exit ramp connected to an interstate highway.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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