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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

## AN ACT

# RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY OF MOTOR VEHICLE NON-EXHAUST PARTICLE EMISSIONS

Introduced By: Senators Rogers, E Morgan, de la Cruz, and Paolino

Date Introduced: January 23, 2026

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 31 of the General Laws entitled "MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES"  
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

## CHAPTER 47.5

4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY OF MOTOR VEHICLE NON-EXHAUST PARTICLE  
5 EMISSIONS

## 31-47.5-1. Impact study of motor vehicle non-exhaust emissions.

10 (b) The departments shall be authorized to collaborate with an institute of academic  
11 research, as part of their study. The study shall result in a written report to the general assembly on  
12 the environmental impact of these emissions and contain recommendations to the general assembly  
13 for the reduction of the environmental impact of tire particle emissions.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1        This act would require the department of transportation, in consultation with the  
2        department of environmental management, to conduct an environmental impact study of motor  
3        vehicle non-exhaust particle emissions. It also would allow the departments to collaborate with an  
4        academic research institute and direct the departments to make specific recommendations to the  
5        general assembly, to reduce the environmental impact of tire particle emissions. Their report would  
6        be completed no later than January 1, 2027.

7        This act would take effect upon passage.

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