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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Morgan, Chippendale, Reilly, Giarrusso, and Roberts

Date Introduced: February 05, 2015

Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 31-27 of the General Laws entitled "Motor Vehicle Offenses" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **31-27-26. Operators of government vehicles - Testing.** -- Every person authorized to  
4 operate any vehicle owned or leased by the state, any municipality, any political subdivision of  
5 the state or municipality, any fire district, any quasi-public agency or any other entity or agency  
6 using vehicles paid for in whole or in part by public funds shall be administered an unannounced  
7 and random drug and alcohol test by the department of health at least once every three (3) years.  
8 Any employee who shall test positive for illegal drugs or alcohol upon administration of the test  
9 shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500), and lose the privilege of operating any such vehicle for  
10 one year. The determination of the hearing officer or other party making a finding in proceedings  
11 held pursuant to this section may be appealed to the superior court.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide for periodic drug and alcohol testing for operators of government  
2 vehicles and prescribe penalties for those testing positive.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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