STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

AN ACT
RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- APPLICABILITY OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Bennett, Johnston, San Bento, and O'Neill

Date Introduced: February 27, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

(State Police)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 31-12-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-12 entitled "Applicability of Traffic Regulations" is hereby amended to read as follows:

31-12-7. Privileges allowed emergency vehicles. -- The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle may:

1. Park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of any law;
2. Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;
3. Exceed the prima facie speed limits so long as he or she does not endanger life or property;
4. Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions.
5. Be exempted from wearing a seatbelt.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
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1 This act would exempt the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle from the
2 requirement of wearing a seatbelt.
3 This act would take effect upon passage.