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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018**

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A N A C T

RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPARE TIRE OR EQUIVALENT

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Azzinaro, and Marshall

Date Introduced: January 11, 2018

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 31-4-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-4 entitled "Transfer of  
2 Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **31-4-11. Sale of automobiles -- Required equipment.**

4           (a) No automobile shall be sold, whether new or used, by a dealer, at wholesale or retail,  
5 unless the automobile is equipped with a spare tire and a jack, both of which must be functional  
6 and operational. The provisions of this section shall not apply:

7           (1) To an automobile equipped with tires that without any tire air inflation permit vehicle  
8 operation for at least fifty (50) miles at speeds up to at least fifty-five (55) miles per hour; ~~or~~

9           (2) An automobile equipped with a factory installed tire repair and inflation system; or

10           (3) An automobile equipped with self-sealing tires or other technological improvements,  
11 consistent with federal motor vehicle safety standards.

12           (b) A violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would permit a dealer to provide self-sealing tires as a substitute for a jack and  
2 spare tire when selling a new or used automobile.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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