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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Azzinaro, Bennett, Kennedy, and Casey

Date Introduced: January 30, 2019

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-15-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-15 entitled "Passing,
2 Use of Lanes, and Rules of the Road" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-15-4. Overtaking on left.**

4 The following rules shall govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles proceeding in the
5 same direction, subject to those limitations, exceptions, and special rules stated in this chapter:

6 (1) The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction
7 shall give a timely, ~~audible~~ directional signal and shall pass to the left at a safe distance and shall
8 not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle.

9 (2) Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of an
10 overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on ~~audible~~
11 directional signal and shall not increase the speed of his or her vehicle until completely passed by
12 the overtaking vehicle.

13 (3) Violations of this section are subject to fines enumerated in § 31-41.1-4.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in
2 the same direction to use a directional signal and repeals the requirement that such signal be
3 audible.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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