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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TRANSPORTATION NETWORK
COMPANY SERVICES - TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: January 19, 2021

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 39-14.2-18 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-14.2 entitled
2 "Transportation Network Company Services" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **39-14.2-18. Controlling authority.**

4 (a) All provisions of this chapter, with the exception any transportation network company
5 (TNC) when operating within the town of New Shoreham, and with the exception of § 39-14.2-14,
6 are hereby declared to be the sole jurisdiction of the division; § 39-14.2-14 is hereby declared to be
7 the sole jurisdiction of the division and the department of business regulation, with the exception
8 any TNC when operating within the town of New Shoreham. Cities, towns, and other local entities
9 in the state are expressly prohibited from:

10 (1) Establishing any licensing or registration requirement or imposing any charge, fee, or
11 tax on transportation network companies, transportation network company operators, or personal
12 vehicles;

13 (2) Requiring a TNC driver to obtain a business license or any other type of similar
14 authorization to operate within the jurisdiction; or

15 (3) Subjecting transportation network companies to the city, town, or local entity's rate,
16 entry, operation, or other requirements; provided, however, that cities and towns may continue to
17 impose excise taxes upon the legal owners of vehicles used to provide TNC services in a manner
18 consistent with previous such taxation of private motor vehicles.

1 (b) The town of New Shoreham shall have the exclusive authority to prescribe rules and
2 regulations pertaining to the operation, licensing, and regulation of transportation network
3 companies and their services when TNCs are operating in the town of New Shoreham.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would provide that the town of New Shoreham would have the exclusive authority
2 to prescribe rules and regulations pertaining to the operation, licensing, and regulation of
3 transportation network service companies and their services when TNCs are operating in the town
4 of New Shoreham.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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