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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTORCYCLES

Introduced By: Representatives Keable, Johnston, Filippi, Serpa, and O`Grady

Date Introduced: February 12, 2015

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-10.1-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-10.1 entitled "Special  
2 License for Motorcycles, Motor Scooters, and Other Motor Driven Cycles" is hereby amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 **31-10.1-1. License required.** – (a) No resident of this state, except those expressly  
5 exempted in this chapter, shall drive any motorcycle or motor-driven cycle upon a highway in this  
6 state, unless the person shall first obtain a special license as an operator under the provisions of  
7 this chapter; provided, however, motorized bicycles and motor scooters with a motor rated not  
8 more than four and nine-tenths (4.9) horsepower and not greater than fifty (50) cubic centimeters,  
9 which is capable of a maximum speed of not more than thirty (30) miles per hour, shall be  
10 exempt from the provisions of this section. No person shall be licensed pursuant to this chapter  
11 unless he or she shall be at least sixteen (16) years of age or unless the person previously has been  
12 issued a full operator's license and a motorcycle learner's permit or is already licensed under a  
13 prior act of this state. Any person under the age of eighteen (18) duly licensed under the prior act  
14 shall be eligible to have his or her license renewed in the same manner as persons over the age of  
15 eighteen (18). All licenses issued pursuant to this chapter shall reflect any requirement of the  
16 operator to wear a helmet pursuant to § 31-10.1-4.

17 (b) All operator's and chauffeur's licenses, issued pursuant to this section shall clearly and  
18 conspicuously carry the endorsement "valid for motorcycles".

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require motor vehicle operator and chauffeur licenses valid for motorcycle
- 2 operation, to state so conspicuously.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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