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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- THE RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE AND TURNPIKE  
AUTHORITY--TOLL EVADERS

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Carson, Abney, Canario, and Ruggiero

Date Introduced: February 11, 2016

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 24-12-37.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 24-12 entitled "Rhode  
2 Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~24-12-37.1. Additional penalties -- Toll evaders. -- (a) Any toll evader who fails or~~  
4 ~~refuses to pay or prepay the required toll, and such violation may be evidenced by video or~~  
5 ~~photograph, shall be required to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) and shall~~  
6 ~~pay the toll amount due and an administrative fee of six dollars (\$6.00) or may have his or her~~  
7 ~~driver's license suspended for up to six (6) months for the violation, or both. A toll evader under~~  
8 ~~this subsection shall receive a traffic violation summons which shall be subject to the jurisdiction~~  
9 ~~of the Traffic Tribunal. The administrative fee and toll amount due under this subsection shall be~~  
10 ~~remitted to the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority.~~

11 ~~(b) "Toll Evader" means, for the purposes of this section, any person who: (1) Uses any~~  
12 ~~project and fails or refuses to pay the required toll; (2) Does not accept an unpaid toll invoice~~  
13 ~~from the authority upon entering the toll plaza area or uses the project without obtaining an~~  
14 ~~unpaid toll invoice prior to using the project; and (3) Whose actions can be reasonably construed~~  
15 ~~as a deliberate attempt to avoid paying the toll.~~

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would repeal the law providing for additional penalties for toll evaders on Rhode
- 2   Island bridges and turnpikes.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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