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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND VEHICLES - TAXICAB LICENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, O'Brien, Almeida, Slater, and Barros

Date Introduced: March 01, 2017

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 39-14-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-14 entitled "Taxicabs
2 and Limited Public Motor Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **39-14-3. Certificate required for operation -- Application and fee.**

4 (a) No person, association, or corporation shall operate a taxicab or taxicabs or a limited
5 public motor vehicle or vehicles in any city or town in the state until the person, association, or
6 corporation shall have obtained a certificate from the division certifying that public convenience
7 and necessity require the operation of a taxicab or taxicabs or a limited public motor vehicle or
8 vehicles for transportation of passengers, the acceptance or solicitation of which originate only
9 within the territory specified in the certificate. The certificate shall be issued only after written
10 application for a certificate, accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100), has been made,
11 and public hearing held thereon. All revenues received under this section shall be deposited as
12 general revenues. The administrator of the division of motor vehicles shall not register any
13 vehicle defined in this section unless the person, association, or corporation shall present
14 evidence of certification pursuant to this section to the administrator.

15 (b) There shall be a moratorium for a period of ten (10) years commencing upon the date
16 of passage of this act upon the issuance of new taxicab and limited public motor vehicle
17 certificates. This act shall in no way affect the validity of certificates currently issued.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would place a ten (10) year moratorium on the issuance of new taxicab and
- 2 limited public motor vehicles certificates but not affect current certificates.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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