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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - USE OF LANES

Introduced By: Representative Lauren H. Carson

Date Introduced: March 01, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-15-12 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 **31-15-12. Interval between vehicles.**

4 (a) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is
5 reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of the vehicles and the traffic upon and
6 the condition of the highway, and shall, whenever traveling through a business or residential
7 district, and whenever traffic permits, leave sufficient space so that an overtaking vehicle may
8 enter and occupy the space without danger. This provision shall not apply to a caravan under
9 police escort or a funeral procession.

10 (b) The operator of a motorcycle, motor scooter, or motor driven cycle may, whenever
11 reasonable and prudent, occupy the space between vehicles on multi-lane highways when
12 approaching a traffic control signal at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour (25 mph) or less.

13 (c) 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 permit motorcycle operators to operate in the space between lanes while
- 2 approaching traffic lights on multi-lane roads.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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