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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEALERSHIPS

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, and Noret

Date Introduced: January 27, 2021

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 31-4-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-4 entitled "Transfer of  
2 Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **31-4-11. Sale of automobiles -- Required equipment.**

4           (a) No automobile shall be sold, whether new or used, by a dealer, at wholesale or retail,  
5 unless the automobile is equipped with a spare tire and a jack, both of which must be functional  
6 and operational. The provisions of this section shall not apply:

7           (1) To an automobile equipped with tires that without any tire air inflation permit vehicle  
8 operation for at least fifty (50) miles at speeds up to at least fifty-five (55) miles per hour; or

9           (2) An automobile equipped with a factory installed tire repair and inflation system.

10          (b) A violation of ~~this~~ section [\(a\) of this section](#) shall constitute a misdemeanor.

11          (c) [For each sale of a new or used vehicle by a dealer, the dealer shall provide a written](#)  
12 [disclosure that the vehicle has a spare tire and jack or the vehicle is equipped with one of the](#)  
13 [exceptions to a spare tire and jack as provided in this section. There shall be a civil penalty of fifty](#)  
14 [dollars \(\\$50.00\) for a violation under this subsection.](#)

15          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 dealers to disclose in writing that a vehicle being sold
- 2   has a spare tire and jack or is otherwise equipped in compliance with applicable law. There shall
- 3   be a civil penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a violation under this section.
- 4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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