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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Bennett, Azzinaro, Cortvriend, and Diaz

Date Introduced: January 12, 2023

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-38-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-38 entitled "Inspection
2 of Motor Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-38-1. Vehicles without required equipment or in unsafe condition — Inspection**
4 **sticker for used cars for sale required.**

5 (a) No person shall sell at retail, drive, or move on any highway any motor vehicle, trailer,
6 semitrailer, or pole trailer or any combination of them unless the equipment upon the vehicle is in
7 good working order and adjustment as required in this title, and the vehicle is in such safe
8 mechanical condition as not to endanger the driver or other occupant or any person upon the
9 highway.

10 (b) No dealer of used vehicles, as defined by § 31-1-19(b), shall sell at retail a used motor
11 vehicle unless a new inspection of the vehicle conforming to the standards set pursuant to this
12 chapter and chapter 47.1 of this title has been conducted and the vehicle has a new certificate of
13 inspection affixed to the windshield at the time of sale, except used cars ~~sold~~:

14 (1) Sold "for parts only" and clearly identified accordingly on the bill of sale: or

15 (2) Purchased at the end of the lease term by the current lessee with a valid certificate of
16 inspection affixed to the windshield at the time of sale that is issued by the state where the vehicle
17 is currently registered, provided a certificate of inspection is not required if there is not a vehicle
18 inspection requirement in the state of current registration.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect six (6) months after the effective date of this act.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would exempt used vehicles sold "for parts only", or vehicles purchased at the end
2 of their lease term by the current lessee that have a valid certificate of inspection affixed to the
3 windshield, from the requirement that dealers of used vehicles conduct a new inspection prior to
4 the sale of a used vehicle.

5 This act would take effect six (6) months after the effective date of this act.

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