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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES

Introduced By: Senators Paolino, de la Cruz, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Pearson, and Picard

Date Introduced: February 16, 2023

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 37-2 of the General Laws entitled "State Purchases" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **37-2-17.3. Purchase of motor vehicles by volunteer firefighters.**

4 (a) "Volunteer firefighter," for purpose of this section, means a volunteer, call, reserve, or
5 permanent-intermittent firefighter or emergency medical technician who, in the previous calendar
6 year, completed no less than eighty (80) hours of fire or emergency medical service training
7 approved by the senior ranking local fire official, and, actively participated in at least twenty-five
8 percent (25%) of the local service runs in response to calls for emergency services, and is in good
9 current standing.

10 (b) Each volunteer firefighter meeting the criteria set forth in this section shall be eligible
11 to utilize the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of purchasing any motor vehicle, as defined
12 in § 31-1-3.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would permit certain volunteer firefighters to purchase motor vehicles by utilizing
2 state purchasing provisions.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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