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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TAXICABS AND LIMITED
PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Baginski, Lima, Diaz,
DeSimone, Fellela, Biah, Morales, and Fenton-Fung

Date Introduced: February 07, 2024

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-14 of the General Laws entitled "Taxicabs and Limited Public
2 Motor Vehicles" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **39-14-27. Rules governing transportation of passengers via taxicabs.**

4 The following provisions shall govern the operation of taxicabs used to transport
5 passengers, notwithstanding any regulations to the contrary:

6 (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, no taxicab shall operate beyond an
7 odometer reading of three hundred thousand (300,000) miles or ten (10) model years, whichever is
8 the first to occur.

9 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, no motor vehicle shall initially be
10 put in service as a taxicab if the vehicle is more than six (6) model years old.

11 (3) An exception may be granted to subsections (1) and (2) of this section in cases involving
12 vehicles in extraordinary condition. The certificate holder may petition the administrator of the
13 division of public utilities (the "administrator") for an exemption from the prohibitions provided in
14 subsections (1) and (2) of this section. In order to be granted an exemption, the petitioner shall
15 demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the administrator, that the vehicle to be used as a taxicab would
16 be as acceptable to the public as the newer taxicabs mandated under the rules and regulations of
17 the division of public utilities; that the vehicle has few, if any, of the interior and exterior wear
18 signs concomitant with vehicles of that older vintage; and that the vehicle appears and functions in

1 [relatively "original" condition.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would amend requirements regarding how taxicabs can be placed into service.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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