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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND MOTOR VEHICLES - RESIDENTS

Introduced By: Senator Frank A.Ciccione

Date Introduced: March 25, 2014

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-1-18 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-1 entitled "Definitions
2 and General Code Provisions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-1-18. Resident and nonresident.** -- (a) "Nonresident" means any person who is not a
4 resident of this state or is temporarily residing in this state as a student or as a member of the
5 armed forces of the United States.

6 (b) "Resident" means a person:

7 (1) ~~Who owns, rents, or leases real estate within the state as his or her residence and:~~
8 Whose legal residence is the state of Rhode Island, and:

9 (i) ~~Engages in a trade, business, or profession in this state; or~~ Who engages in intrastate
10 business and operates in such a business any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, or any person
11 maintaining such vehicles in this state, as the home state of such vehicles; or

12 (ii) Who physically resides in this state and engages in a trade, profession, occupation, or
13 accepts gainful employment in this state; or

14 ~~(ii)~~ (iii) Enrolls his or her children in a school in this state for a period exceeding ninety
15 (90) days; or

16 (2) ~~Who is registered to vote or is eligible to register to vote under the laws of this state.~~
17 Who declares that he or she is a resident of this state to obtain privileges not ordinarily extended
18 to nonresidents of this state.

19 (3) The term does not include a person who is an actual tourist, an out-of-state student, a

1 [foreign exchange student, or a seasonal resident.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would make changes to the definition of the term "resident" for purposes of the
2 motor vehicle code and includes those who do business in the state or intrastate or declares Rhode
3 Island his or her residence.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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