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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- APPLICABILITY OF TRAFFIC  
REGULATIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Bennett, Johnston, San Bento, and O'Neill

Date Introduced: February 27, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-12-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-12 entitled  
2 "Applicability of Traffic Regulations" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-12-7. Privileges allowed emergency vehicles. --** The driver of an authorized  
4 emergency vehicle may:

5 (1) Park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of any law;

6 (2) Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be  
7 necessary for safe operation;

8 (3) Exceed the prima facie speed limits so long as he or she does not endanger life or  
9 property;

10 (4) Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified  
11 directions.

12 [\(5\) Be exempted from wearing a seatbelt.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would exempt the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle from the
- 2 requirement of wearing a seatbelt.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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