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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - APPLICABILITY OF TRAFFIC  
REGULATIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Price, Chippendale, Marshall, Giarrusso, and  
Quattrocchi

Date Introduced: March 01, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-12 of the General Laws entitled "Applicability of Traffic  
2 Regulations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-12-16. Injuries to persons blocking traffic.**

4 A person driving an automobile who is exercising due care and injures another person  
5 who is participating in a protest or demonstration and is blocking traffic in a public right-of-way  
6 is immune from civil liability for such injury, but shall not be immune from civil liability if the  
7 actions of the driver leading to the injury were willful or wanton.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that a person driving an automobile who is exercising due care  
2 and injures another person who is participating in a protest or demonstration and is blocking  
3 traffic in a public right-of-way shall be immune from civil liability for such injury.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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