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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MISCELLANEOUS RULES

Introduced By: Representatives Corvese, and Azzinaro

Date Introduced: January 21, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-22-11.8 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-22 entitled  
2 "Miscellaneous Rules" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-22-11.8. Unauthorized use of cell phones on school bus. --** (a) The use of a cell  
4 phone by a school bus driver or student shall be prohibited, while the bus is transporting children  
5 except in the case of an emergency.

6 (b) Any person who violates any of the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall,  
7 upon conviction, be punished by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

8 ~~(c) For a subsequent conviction under this section a person shall be punished by a fine of~~  
9 ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00).~~

10 ~~(d)~~(c) If any civil action is brought as a result of a violation of this section, the violation  
11 shall be evidence of negligence.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would make it illegal for a student to use a cell phone on a school bus in a non-  
2 emergency situation.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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