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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- AUTOMATED SCHOOL-ZONE-SPEED-ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM ACT OF 2016

Introduced By: Representatives Dawson, McGaw, Knight, and McEntee

Date Introduced: February 02, 2024

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

(Dept. of Transportation)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-41.3-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-41.3 entitled
2 "Automated School-Zone-Speed-Enforcement System Act of 2016" is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:

4 **31-41.3-4. Automated school-zone-speed-enforcement system operational**
5 **requirements and certification.**

6 No automated school-zone-speed-enforcement system shall be used in the state of Rhode
7 Island unless the system has been approved and certified for use in the state by the director of the
8 department of transportation. The director of the department of transportation, in cooperation with
9 the state police, shall require that any automated school-zone-speed-enforcement system approved
10 and certified for use in the state of Rhode Island meets the following requirements:

11 (1) All automated school-zone-speed-enforcement systems operated under this chapter
12 shall record the speed of vehicles within plus or minus one mile per hour of the actual speed.

13 (2) All automated school-zone-speed-enforcement systems operated under this chapter
14 shall record at least two (2) photographic images of the vehicle exceeding the speed limit, one of
15 which shall include the license plate attached to the rear of the vehicle.

16 (3) All automated school-zone-speed-enforcement systems operated under this chapter
17 shall, at the time of violation, imprint upon the photographic images of vehicles exceeding the
18 speed limit:

- 1 (i) The date and time of the violation; and
- 2 (ii) The identity of the street, or school zone being monitored, and location upon that street,
3 or within that school zone, including the direction of travel and lane of travel; this requirement may
4 be met with code designations; and
- 5 (iii) The posted or lawfully designated speed limit for the street or school zone being
6 monitored; and
- 7 (iv) The monitored speed of the vehicle identified in the photographic images as exceeding
8 the posted or lawfully designated school zone speed limit; and
- 9 (v) The consecutive event number of each photograph taken.
- 10 (4) At least one hundred feet (100') prior to entering an automated school-zone area where
11 a speed-enforcement system is being operated, and on each approach to that area, four (4) signs,
12 each measuring three feet (3') in height by four feet (4') in width, or four feet (4') in height by three
13 feet (3') in width, shall be erected in locations where the view is unobstructed, warning motorists
14 that they will be entering an area monitored by an automated speed-zone-enforcement system and
15 that violators of speed limitations may be prosecuted. The automated school-zone-speed-
16 enforcement system shall be operational only from seven o'clock a.m. (7:00 a.m.) to six o'clock
17 p.m. (6:00 p.m.) on school days of the promulgated one-hundred-eighty-day (180) school calendar
18 year adopted in the applicable community.
- 19 (5) It shall be the vendor's responsibility to furnish an annual report with all pertinent data
20 to the speaker of the house and the senate president.

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

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- 1 This act would amend the provision relative to the measurements for signs identifying
- 2 school zone areas with speed enforcement systems.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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