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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT
AUTHORITY

Introduced By: Representative Agostinho F.Silva

Date Introduced: February 13, 2014

Referred To: House Corporations

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-18 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Public Transit
2 Authority" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3 **39-18-25. Limitations of damages.** – In any tort action against the authority, its
4 members and/or its employees acting in their official capacity, any damages recovered therein
5 shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

6 **39-18-26. Damages in excess of limitation.** – The general assembly may, by special act,
7 authorize actions of tort against the authority, its members and/or its employees acting in their
8 official capacity, in particular cases in which the amount of damages to be recovered may exceed
9 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall apply to actions filed on or
11 after the date of passage of this act.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would establish a limitation of damages of \$100,000 in any tort action filed
2 against the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. This act would permit the general assembly to
3 authorize damages in tort actions in excess of \$100,000 by special act.

4 This act would take effect on passage and would apply to actions filed on or after the date
5 of passage of this act.

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