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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

Introduced By: Representative Edwin R. Pacheco

Date Introduced: February 24, 2010

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 24-10.1-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 24-10.1 entitled
2 "Outdoor Advertising" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **24-10.1-9. Interpretation.** -- (a) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to abrogate or
4 affect the provisions of any lawful ordinance, regulation or resolution, which are more restrictive
5 than the provisions of this chapter.

6 (b) ~~Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted in any way to show a preference for~~
7 ~~commercial copy over any other lawful noncommercial message.~~

8 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter on the general or public laws to the
9 contrary, the director of transportation shall not regulate any on-premise or off-premise, non-
10 commercial protected speech contained within any advertising display authorized by this chapter.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prevent the director of transportation from regulating any on-premise or
2 off-premise, non-commercial protected speech contained within any advertising display
3 authorized by this chapter.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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