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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 - TAXICABS AND LIMITED  
PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Morin, Shekarchi, Casey, Guthrie, and Bennett

Date Introduced: March 13, 2014

Referred To: House Corporations

(RIPTA)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 39-14-14.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-14 entitled  
2 "Taxicabs and Limited Public Motor Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **39-14-14.1. Taximeter requirement.** – (a) Every motor vehicle used in the  
4 transportation of passengers for compensation in a taxicab service over the publicly used  
5 highways of this state shall be equipped with a taximeter. Any motor carrier or operator who shall  
6 knowingly and willfully cause a motor vehicle to be operated as a taxicab which is not equipped  
7 with a taximeter, or when so equipped the taximeter is not in a recording position for the purpose  
8 of registering charges at the time the service is rendered, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and  
9 shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first  
10 offense; and, upon conviction for a second offense, shall be fined not to exceed fifty dollars  
11 (\$50.00) and shall have his or her certificate suspended for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days;  
12 and upon conviction for a third offense shall be fined not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100)  
13 and shall have his or her certificate suspended for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty  
14 (180) days.

15 (b) A certificate holder authorized to provide taxicab services is not required to utilize the  
16 vehicle's taximeter for registering charges when the transportation services are being coordinated  
17 by and paid for by a state department, authority or agency on behalf of clients of said state  
18 department, authority or agency, provided, the alternative method for registering or calculating

1 [charges is approved by the division.](#)

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

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1           This act would permit certified taxicab drivers to register charges for transportation  
2 services provided to state departments without the use of a taximeter provided the alternate  
3 method is approved by the division.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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