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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

Introduced By: Senators Tassoni, DiPalma, and Maselli

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

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 nonecommercial message.~~ Notwithstanding any other
8 provisions of this chapter or the general or public laws to the contrary, the director of the
9 department of transportation shall not regulate any on-premise or off-premise non-commercial
10 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 provide that the director of the department of transportation shall not
2 regulate any on-premise or off-premise non-commercial protected speech contained within any
3 authorized outdoor advertising display along state highways.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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