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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - TRAFFIC TICKET QUOTAS

Introduced By: Senators Connors, Miller, C Levesque, and Perry

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-27 of the General Laws entitled "Motor Vehicle Offenses" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-27-24. Ticket quotas prohibited.** – (a) No state or municipal agency engaged in the
4 enforcement of any motor vehicle traffic or parking laws of this state, or any local ordinance
5 governing motor vehicle traffic or parking, may establish or maintain any policy, formally or
6 informally, requiring any officer to meet a quota or suggest, formally or informally, a quota for
7 any such officer.

8 (b) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings:

9 (1) "Officer" shall mean any peace officer as defined in section 12-7-21 and any police
10 officer as defined in section 31-1-21, and shall also include any individual engaged in enforcing
11 ordinances authorized by chapter 28 of this title.

12 (2) "Quota" means any requirement regarding the number of arrests or investigative stops
13 made, or summonses or citations issued, by an officer regarding motor vehicle traffic or parking
14 violations.

15 (c) Nothing contained herein shall preclude a local or municipal agency from using data
16 concerning arrests or investigative stops made, or summonses or citations issued, and their
17 disposition in the evaluation of an officer's work performance, provided such data are not the
18 exclusive means of evaluating such performance.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would prohibit state and municipal law enforcement agencies from either
- 2 formally or informally advocating a traffic ticket quota system.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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