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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES
GENERALLY

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, DiPalma, Britto, Zurier, Burke, and Tikoian

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-23 of the General Laws entitled "Equipment and Accessories
2 Generally" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-23-12.1. Providence canteen vehicles.**

4 (a) The motor vehicle equipment belonging to the Providence Canteen with headquarters
5 in Providence, Rhode Island, is declared to be an authorized emergency vehicle and may be
6 equipped with a siren, whistle or bell as provided in § 31-23-11.

7 (b) Any operator of the Providence Canteen motor vehicle shall have, at a minimum, five
8 (5) hours of training and instruction from an active or retired police officer or firefighter, in the
9 operation of the Providence Canteen vehicle as an authorized emergency vehicle and the use of
10 emergency lights and sirens.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize Providence Canteen vehicles to be equipped with sirens, whistles
2 or bells and would require operators of any canteen vehicle to receive five (5) hours of training in
3 the operation of the vehicle and its emergency equipment.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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