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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

JOINT RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY R.I.G.L. 39-14.1, THE PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLE ACT, AND THE IMPACT OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES ON THE MARKET FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: June 20, 2014

Referred To: Placed on Senate Calendar

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of eleven (11) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the House of
3 Representatives, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the
4 Speaker of the House; three (3) of whom shall be members of the Senate, not more than two (2)
5 from the same political party, to be appointed by the Senate President; one of whom shall be the
6 Administrator of the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, or designee, to be appointed by the
7 Governor; one of whom shall be a member of the New England Livery Association, to be
8 appointed by the President of the Senate; one of whom shall be a representative of the Property
9 Casualty Insurers of America, to be appointed by the Senate President; one of whom shall be a
10 representative of the taxi industry, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and one of whom
11 shall be a representative of the innovative technology industry, to be appointed by the Speaker of
12 the House.

13 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and analysis
14 of the status of the Public Motor Vehicle Act, R.I.G.L. 39-14.1, including:

- 15 • Study and analysis of the impact of innovative technologies including online enabled
16 applications or smart phones to connect passengers with drivers;
- 17 • Study and analysis of new options available to customers, such as ride-sharing
18 services;
- 19 • Review all statutes, rules or regulations pertaining to the Act, as well as a review and

1 analysis of any and all data which may assist the commission in determining whether it would be
2 in the best interest of the citizens of Rhode Island to amend, alter or repeal the Act in any form
3 whatsoever.

4 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet
5 at the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and organize and shall
6 select a chairperson.

7 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original
8 appointment.

9 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

10 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
11 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
12 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

13 The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to
14 provide suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to
16 the General Assembly no later than March 31, 2015, and said commission shall expire on May
17 31, 2015.

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