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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MISCELLANEOUS RULES

Introduced By: Representative Gordon D. Fox

Date Introduced: February 24, 2010

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-22-23 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-22 entitled
2 "Miscellaneous Rules" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-22-23. Tow trucks – Identification required.** -- (a) Every motor vehicle used for the
4 purpose of towing or assisting disabled motor vehicles shall display, in sharp color contrast to the
5 background, and be of such size, shape, and color as to be readily legible during daylight hours,
6 from a distance of fifty feet (50') while the vehicle is not in motion; the name, address, and
7 telephone number of the registered owner shall be displayed on both sides of the vehicle.

8 (b) Any person violating this section shall be fined as provided in section 31-41.1-4.

9 (c) Any vehicle, except those vehicles exempt from regulation pursuant to the provisions
10 of section 39-12-3, which are used for the purpose of towing or assisting disabled motor vehicles,
11 which does not have a towing certificate issued by the division of public utilities must have the
12 words "Limited Towing" lettered upon the hood or fenders of the vehicle. The letters must be
13 four inches (4") high in a color which contrasts with the vehicle color and must be on both sides
14 of the hood or both sides of the front fender.

15 (1) A "Limited Towing" vehicle or motor carrier must meet and satisfy the security
16 requirements of section 39-12-27 by furnishing the administrator with evidence of insured
17 financial responsibility with proof of the carrier's ability to meet any and all legally established
18 claim or claims for damages by reason of personal injury to or the death of, any one person in an
19 amount of at least two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), or by reason of personal

1 injuries to or the death of all persons injured or killed in any one accident of five hundred
2 thousand dollars (\$500,000), (subject to a maximum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars
3 (\$250,000) for bodily injuries to or the death of one person), and for damages to property
4 (excluding cargo) in the amount of at least twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). A filing fee of
5 ten dollars (\$10.00) must accompany each insurance filing. All revenues received under this
6 section shall be deposited as general revenues.

7 (2) In addition, each "Limited Towing" motor carrier shall file with the administrator a
8 certificate on blanks furnished by the administrator and issued by the general treasurer that the
9 motor carrier has filed with the general treasurer a bond in the amount of one hundred thousand
10 dollars (\$100,000), issued by a surety company authorized to transact business in Rhode Island
11 and conditioned upon payment of any sum up to and including the maximum amounts required in
12 this section in the satisfaction of any final judgment rendered as the result of any claim, or claims
13 for damages against the motor carrier.

14 (d) Any person who shall violate this provision shall be fined not more than one hundred
15 dollars (\$100) upon conviction for a first offense, not more than two hundred and fifty dollars
16 (\$250) upon conviction for a second offense, and for each subsequent conviction may be fined
17 not more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that a "Limited Towing" vehicle satisfy certain security and
2 insurance requirements.

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