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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 -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS'
LICENSES

Introduced By: Senators Gu, Gallo, Valverde, Lawson, Felag, Acosta, Raptakis, Tikoian,
and Ujifusa

Date Introduced: February 12, 2024

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-10 of the General Laws entitled "Operators' and Chauffeurs'
2 Licenses" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-10-49. Autism designations for motor vehicle operators - Blue envelope program.**

4 The administrator of the division of motor vehicles, in consultation with the Rhode Island
5 Police Chiefs' Association and the Governor's Commission on Disabilities, shall develop and
6 institute a "Blue Envelope Program" to enhance communications between police officers and
7 persons with autism spectrum disorder. In developing the program, the division of motor vehicles
8 shall consider best practices from implementation of similar programs in other jurisdictions.
9 Participation in any program pursuant to this section shall be strictly voluntary.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the administrator of the division of motor vehicles, in consultation
2 with the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association and the Governor's Commission on Disabilities,
3 to develop and institute a Blue Envelope Program to enhance effective communication between a
4 police officer and a person with autism spectrum disorder.

5 This act would take effect on January 1, 2025.

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