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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- FREEWAYS

Introduced By: Senators Lombardi, Ciccone, Archambault, McCaffrey, and Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: February 25, 2020

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 24-10-18 of the General Laws in Chapter 24-10 entitled "Freeways"

2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **24-10-18. Backing up prohibited.**

4 Any person who backs up a motor vehicle on a roadway or shoulder of any freeway within

5 the state, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Violations of this section are subject to fines enumerated

6 in § 31-41.1-4. [This section shall not apply to the operation of construction vehicles performing](#)

7 [authorized public works as defined in § 37-13-1.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This act would exempt the operation of construction vehicles performing authorized public
- 2 works functions from the prohibition on operating their vehicle in reverse on roadways.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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