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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - TAXICABS

Introduced By: Senator William A. Walaska

Date Introduced: March 04, 2010

Referred To: Senate Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 39-14-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-14 entitled "Taxicabs  
2 and Limited Public Motor Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **39-14-11. Penalties for violations.** -- (a) Any person or the officers of any association or  
4 corporation who shall violate any provision of sections 39-14-1 -- 39-14-17, 39-14-20(b), 39-14-  
5 25 and 39-14-26, or any order, rule, or regulation adopted or established under any provision,  
6 shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) or imprisoned not more than sixty (60)  
7 days or both, and his or her certificate may be revoked, and the violation shall be a separate and  
8 distinct offense for each day during which it shall continue.

9           (b) The administrator may in his or her discretion, in addition to seeking criminal  
10 sanctions, impose upon its regulated taxicabs and limited public motor vehicles an administrative  
11 civil penalty (fine) in addition to revoking or suspending the taxicab's and limited public motor  
12 vehicle's operating authority as conferred under this chapter. The fine shall not exceed one  
13 thousand dollars (\$1,000) per each violation of the sections contained in this chapter or the  
14 division's orders, rules and regulations issued and promulgated thereunder. Additionally, the  
15 administrator may also revoke or suspend the taxicab's and limited public motor vehicle's  
16 operating authority and/or impose the aforementioned administrative civil penalty (fine) for any  
17 violation of the provisions of section 39-14-18.

1 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 expand the authority of administrators of the PUC to issue penalties to  
2 taxicabs for certain violations.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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