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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, and Felag

Date Introduced: May 10, 2016

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-5-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-5 entitled "Dealers',
2 Manufacturers', and Rental Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-5-5. Dealers' license required -- "Dealer" defined. --** (a) No motor vehicle dealer
4 shall engage in business as a dealer in this state without a license for it as provided in §§ 31-5-6 --
5 31-5-10. Any person, firm, or corporation who sells or acts as a broker with respect to the sale of
6 more than four (4) vehicles in any one calendar year shall be considered a motor vehicle dealer.
7 Any person, firm or corporation who, prior to the retail sale of a motor vehicle, converts, or
8 otherwise assembles, installs, or affixes a body, cab or special equipment to a chassis or who adds
9 to, subtracts from, or modifies a previously assembled or manufactured motor vehicle, shall be
10 considered a motor vehicle dealer.

11 (b) Any person, firm or corporation issued a license by the department of revenue for the
12 sale of motor fuel which is:

13 (1) In the business of auto vehicle repair;

14 (2) Has at least two (2) operational service bays for the auto repair/inspection portion of
15 the business;

16 (3) Has full service gas dispensers which are operated solely by employees of said
17 business; and

18 (4) Has full state vehicle inspection on premises shall, upon request, be issued a limited
19 license for the sale of used motor vehicles, which shall permit the entity to offer for sale no more

1 than two (2) vehicles at any one time.

2 (c) The entity shall also be allowed to possess one dealer plate with all current privileges.

3 (d) Any person, firm or corporation qualifying for a license under this provision will be
4 exempt from the square footage requirement of the building and the line of credit requirement.

5 All other provisions of this chapter shall be applicable.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would permit a motor fuel sales business with full service gas dispensers and
2 also engaged in auto repair to obtain a limited dealers' license allowing the display and sale of not
3 more than two (2) vehicles at a time.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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