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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - ADJUDICATION OF TRAFFIC
OFFENSES

Introduced By: Senator Michael J. McCaffrey

Date Introduced: May 29, 2014

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-41.1-3.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-41.1 entitled
2 "Adjudication of Traffic Offenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-41.1-3.1. Mandatory court appearances.** -- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of
4 sections 31-41.1-2 or 31-41.1-3, any person who receives a third (3rd) summons [after two \(2\)](#)
5 [guilty adjudications for traffic offenses](#) within a twelve (12) month period of time cannot plea or
6 dispose of the charge by mail, but must appear in person before a judge at the traffic tribunal or
7 municipal court. [All parking ticket summons or adjudications shall be exempt from this section.](#)

8 (b) The preceding twelve (12) month period shall be calculated from the date of the
9 issuance of the third (3rd) summons, [after the preceding two \(2\) convictions.](#)

10 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 exclude parking tickets from being used as a basis for a mandatory court
- 2 appearance for a traffic offense.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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