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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND
SECURITY INTERESTS

Introduced By: Senators Burke, LaMountain, and Tikoian

Date Introduced: February 16, 2023

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-3.1-38 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3.1 entitled
2 "Certificates of Title and Security Interests" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-3.1-38. Effective dates -- Applicability.**

4 This chapter shall apply to all model vehicles; provided, however, that ~~designated as 2001~~
5 ~~models and all subsequent model year vehicles.~~ All all vehicles designated as model years prior to
6 2001 shall ~~be excluded from these provisions~~ not be required to be issued a title certificate until
7 ownership is transferred or the current owner creates a security interest in the vehicle; provided,
8 further that, nothing herein shall prohibit the issuance of a title certificate to the current owner upon
9 application and payment of a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide that all vehicle model years prior to 2001 would not be required to
- 2 be issued a title certificate until ownership is transferred or the current owner creates a security
- 3 interest in the vehicle.
- 4 This act would take effect on January 1, 2024.

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