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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS'
LICENSES

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Acosta, and Zurier

Date Introduced: February 12, 2024

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-10-31 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-10 entitled "Operators'
2 and Chauffeurs' Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-10-31. Fees.**

4 [\(a\) Except as provided in subsection \(b\) of this section, the](#) ~~The~~ following fees shall be paid
5 to the division of motor vehicles:

6 (1) For every operator's first license to operate a motor vehicle, twenty-five dollars
7 (\$25.00);

8 (2) For every chauffeur's first license, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); provided, that when a
9 Rhode Island licensed operator transfers to a chauffeur's license, the fee for the transfer shall be
10 two dollars (\$2.00);

11 (3) For every learner's permit to operate a motorcycle, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);

12 (4) For every operator's first license to operate a motorcycle, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);

13 (5) For every renewal of an operator's or chauffeur's license, thirty dollars (\$30.00); with
14 the exception of any person seventy-five (75) years of age or older for whom the renewal fee will
15 be eight dollars (\$8.00);

16 (6) For every duplicate operator's or chauffeur's license and every routine information
17 update, i.e., name change or address change, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);

18 (7) For every certified copy of any license, permit, or application issued under this chapter,

1 ten dollars (\$10.00);

2 (8) For every duplicate instruction permit, ten dollars (\$10.00);

3 (9) For every first license examination, five dollars (\$5.00);

4 (10) For surrender of an out-of-state license, in addition to the above fees, five dollars
5 (\$5.00).

6 (b) Any person provided or receiving foster caregiving in foster and adoptive homes as
7 defined in § 42-72.1-2 shall upon reaching an age when the person is no longer defined as a child
8 pursuant to § 42-72.1-2, be exempt from payment of the fee stated in subsection (a)(1) of this
9 section. The fee waiver shall remain in effect until the individual reaches twenty-seven (27) years
10 of age.

11 (c) Any person eligible for the fee waiver in subsection (b) of this section shall also be
12 eligible for a fee waiver for driver's education classes at the Community College of Rhode Island
13 required by § 31-10-19(e).

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

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1 This act would exempt any individual who is aging out of foster care from the payment of
2 any fee associated with the issuance of an operator's license as well as the payment of the fee for
3 driver's education classes at CCRI required by § 31-10-19(e). The fee waiver is in effect until the
4 individual reaches twenty-seven (27) years of age.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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