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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Newberry, and Noret

Date Introduced: January 14, 2026

Referred To: House Special Legislation

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-3-72 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration
2 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-3-72. Special plate for Mr. Potato Head.**

4 (a) ~~The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available a~~
5 ~~special motor vehicle registration plate commemorating the fiftieth (50th) anniversary of Mr. Potato~~
6 ~~Head. The plate shall bear the designation "Mr. Potato Head — 50th anniversary" and shall bear~~
7 ~~the seal of the state imprinted on it. The special plate shall be displayed upon the same registration~~
8 ~~number assigned to the vehicle for which it was issued and shall be used in place of and in the same~~
9 ~~manner as the original registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration plates for~~
10 ~~the vehicle shall be removed from the vehicle and the registration certificate for the plates shall be~~
11 ~~carried in the vehicle, in accordance with § 31-3-9. The registration certificate shall be in effect for~~
12 ~~the special plate.~~

13 (b) ~~A special automobile or commercial commemorative Mr. Potato Head — 50th~~
14 ~~anniversary plate shall be issued upon application using forms furnished by the administrator upon~~
15 ~~payment in addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, and a service charge~~
16 ~~of forty dollars (\$40.00) for each issue. The service charge shall be paid to the administrator prior~~
17 ~~to the administrator's acceptance of the application. Twenty dollars (\$20.00) of the service charge~~
18 ~~shall be paid to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank and twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be~~
19 ~~allocated to the division of motor vehicles for its costs in manufacturing and distributing the special~~

1 ~~plates.~~

2 (c) Any current registration for “Mr. Potato Head- 50th anniversary” plates may remain as
3 an authorized and permitted registration provided the registration remains continuously renewed.
4 Any lapse, nonrenewal, revocation or loss or destruction of the plate or the registration for the plates
5 shall result in the permanent nonregistration and nonrenewal of registration for the plates. The “Mr.
6 Potato Head- 50th anniversary” plates shall not be transferred or registered to any other or
7 subsequent vehicle of the registered owner or the registered owner’s family or relatives.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would repeal the authorization for issuance of special registration plate for Mr.
2 Potato Head. Currently issued plates, as long as continuously registered to the current vehicle would
3 remain valid.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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