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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES --
SPECIAL PLATE FOR MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, Potter, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Filippi, and S
Lima

Date Introduced: February 24, 2021

Referred To: House Special Legislation

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-3 of the General Laws entitled "Registration of Vehicles" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-3-121. Special plate for MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE**
4 **ISLAND.**

5 (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available
6 special motor vehicle registration plates for the not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) Rhode Island Corporation,
7 MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND. The plates shall be designed to
8 reference MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND.

9 (b) The special plate shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned to the
10 vehicle for which it was issued, and shall be used in place of and in the same manner as the
11 registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration plates for the vehicle shall be
12 removed from the vehicle and returned to the division of motor vehicles. The registration certificate
13 for the plates shall be carried in the vehicle, in accordance with § 31-3-9. The registration certificate
14 shall be in effect for the special plate.

15 (c) MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND motor vehicle plates
16 shall be the same size as regular motor vehicle plates, and shall be designed by the MASONIC
17 GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND in conjunction with the division of motor
18 vehicles, with the design approved by the Rhode Island state police.

1 (d) MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND plates shall be
2 subject to a minimum pre-paid order of at least five hundred (500) sets of plates per plate type (i.e.
3 passenger, commercial, etc.). MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND
4 plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order(s) requirements are met. The initial order will
5 be handled by the MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND, and shall not
6 be submitted to the division of motor vehicles for production until the minimum order(s) have been
7 met, and the proper paperwork submitted to the division.

8 (e) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles shall develop application forms,
9 pre-payment procedures and any other procedures deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of
10 this section.

11 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, MASONIC GRAND
12 LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00)
13 issuance surcharge, to be allocated as follows: twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the
14 general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be distributed annually to the
15 MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND to assist in its charitable work.
16 The distribution to the MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND shall be
17 placed in a restricted account and shall be paid to the MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES
18 OF RHODE ISLAND.

19 (g) MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND will be required to
20 submit an annual accounting report before such monies are distributed.

21 (h) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of MASONIC GRAND LODGE
22 CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND plates.

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

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1 This act would authorize a special license plate for MASONIC GRAND LODGE
2 CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND, specify the minimum order, and govern the amount and
3 distribution of the fee surcharge.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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