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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND  
PRIVILEGES

Introduced By: Senators Kettle, Pinga, Maher, Tassoni, and Bates

Date Introduced: January 26, 2012

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 31-28-7.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-28 entitled "Parking  
2 Facilities and Privileges" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **31-28-7.1. Motor vehicle placards for group care facilities, government agencies,**  
4 **nonprofit organizations, or companies serving people with disabilities.** -- (a) Upon  
5 application to the division of motor vehicles, any group care facility, government agency, non-  
6 profit organizations, or company that provides services to persons with disabilities, [including](#)  
7 [without limitation visiting nurse associations or agencies employing nurses and therapists](#), shall  
8 be issued one or more portable motor vehicle placards as described in section 31-28-7(a) and (b).

9           (b) The applicant shall provide to the division of motor vehicles proof that the applicant  
10 is a bona fide group care facility, government agency, non-profit organization or company  
11 providing services to persons with disabilities as defined in section 31-28-7(h).

12           (c) The division of motor vehicles shall not issue more than ten (10) placards to any one  
13 facility. The number of placards to be issued shall be determined by the division of motor  
14 vehicles based upon the number of persons served by the facility and the frequency with which  
15 the staff of the facility must transport the clients or patients of the facility.

16           (d) The placards shall be used only by agents or employees of the facility and only when  
17 transporting [or visiting](#) persons with disabilities who are clients or patients of the facility. The  
18 placard is to be hung from the rear view mirror [so](#) as to be seen through the front and rear

1 windshield of the motor vehicle, and when so displayed shall exempt the driver from any parking  
2 fees or fines of whatever sort or description.

3 (e) A person other than an agent or employee of the facility to which the placard was  
4 issued, or an agent or employee of the facility not engaged in transporting or visiting clients or  
5 patients of the facility, who uses the parking privilege placards for his or her own purposes, shall  
6 be fined one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) for each violation. A facility that allows the  
7 unauthorized use of the placards may be subject to revocation of the use of the placard by the  
8 division of motor vehicles.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would clarify the use of parking placards by persons or agencies serving the
- 2 disabled.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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