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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, and Algieri

Date Introduced: January 22, 2013

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-1-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-1 entitled "Definitions
2 and General Code Provisions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-1-6. Specially constructed and reconstructed vehicles.** -- (a) "Essential parts"
4 means all integral and body parts of a vehicle of a type that must be registered under chapters 3 --
5 9 of this title, the removal, alteration, or substitution of which would tend to conceal the identity
6 of the vehicle or substantially alter its appearance, model, type, or mode of operation.

7 (b) "Reconstructed vehicle" means every vehicle of a type that must be registered under
8 chapters 3 -- 9 of this title, which has been materially altered from its original construction by the
9 removal, addition, or substitution of essential parts, new or used.

10 (c) "Specially constructed vehicle" means every vehicle of a type that must be registered
11 under chapters 3 -- 9 of this title, but not originally constructed under a distinctive name, make,
12 model, or type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles ~~and not materially altered from~~
13 ~~its original construction;~~ provided, that specially constructed vehicles shall include hand-built,
14 home-built, and one-off cars that do not resemble any production car. Specially constructed
15 vehicles shall be entitled to standard passenger automobile plates; provided, that all safety and
16 emissions standards applied to reconstructed vehicles are met.

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

1 **31-3-31.3. Registration of specially constructed vehicles.** – (a) A “specially constructed
2 vehicle” means every vehicle of a type that must be registered under chapters 3 through 9 of this
3 title, but not originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model, or type by a generally
4 recognized manufacturer of vehicles.

5 (b) Specially constructed vehicles shall be subject to the registration fees in section 31-6-
6 1.

7 (c) Before a specially constructed vehicle can be registered, it must undergo an inspection
8 by the division of motor vehicles to determine whether the vehicle was designed for and may be
9 safely operated on public roads, and meets all necessary safety standards. Only those specially
10 construed vehicles that are deemed by the division of motor vehicles to be designed for use on
11 public roads and meeting all necessary safety standards shall be registered. Specially constructed
12 vehicles that are registered shall be subject to inspection pursuant to chapter 38-4 of this title to
13 ensure that the vehicle continues to meet all necessary safety standards.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would allow for the registration of specially constructed vehicles that are
- 2 designed for use on public roads, and meet necessary safety standards.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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