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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senators Satchell, Goodwin, Pearson, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: February 13, 2013

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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           **31-3-94. Special plate for the Autism Project of Rhode Island. -- (a) The administrator**  
4 of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make a available special motor vehicle  
5 registration plates for passenger vehicles based upon the Autism Project of Rhode Island for any  
6 motor vehicle eligible for registration as an automobile or commercial vehicle having a gross  
7 weight of ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.) or less. The plates shall be designed to reference  
8 "The Autism Project 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  
13 certificate for the plates shall be carried in the vehicle, in accordance with section 31-3-9. The  
14 registration certificate shall be in effect for the special plate.

15           (c) The Autism Project of Rhode Island motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as  
16 regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed in conjunction with the division of motor  
17 vehicles with the design approval by the Rhode Island state police.

18           (d) The Autism Project of Rhode Island plates shall be subject to a minimum pre-paid  
19 order of at least nine hundred (900) plates. The Autism Project of Rhode Island plates shall not be

1 issued unless the minimum order requirements are met. The initial order will be handled by the  
2 Autism Project of Rhode Island and shall not be submitted to the division of motor vehicles for  
3 production until the minimum order has been met and the proper paperwork submitted to the  
4 division. Subsequent the Autism Project of Rhode Island plate orders will be handled by the  
5 division of motor vehicles.

6 (e) The administrator of motor vehicles shall develop, prepayment procedures and any  
7 other procedures deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

8 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, the Autism Project  
9 of Rhode Island plates shall be subject to a forty dollars (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

10 (g) The forty dollars (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows:  
11 Twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the division of motor vehicle manufacturing  
12 account and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be distributed annually to the Autism  
13 Project of Rhode Island in furtherance of their mission to develop a comprehensive system of  
14 care and resources that meet the needs of children and adults with autism and their families,  
15 including education, health, vocational, career, social and community needs.

16 (h) The Autism Project of Rhode Island shall be required to submit an annual accounting  
17 report before such monies are distributed.

18 (i) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of the Autism Project of Rhode Island  
19 plates.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would authorize the division of motor vehicles to create a special license plate to  
2 support the Autism Project of Rhode Island.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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