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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: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: February 28, 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 home and hospice care of Rhode Island.** – (a) The  
4 administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available special design  
5 motor vehicle registration plates for passenger vehicles based upon the not-for-profit entity home  
6 and hospice care of Rhode Island. The plates shall be designed to reference home and hospice  
7 care of Rhode Island.

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

14           (c) The home and hospice care of Rhode Island motor vehicle plates shall be the same  
15 size as regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed in conjunction with the division of  
16 motor vehicles and with final approval from the Rhode Island state police.

17           (d) The home and hospice care of Rhode Island plates shall be subject to a minimum  
18 prepaid order of at least nine hundred (900) sets of passenger plates. The home and hospice care  
19 of Rhode Island plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order(s) requirements are met. The

1 initial order will be handled by the home and hospice care of Rhode Island and shall not be  
2 submitted to the division of motor vehicles for production until the minimum order(s) has been  
3 met and the proper paperwork submitted to the division.

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

6 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fees, the home and  
7 hospice care of Rhode Island plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

8 (g) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty  
9 dollars (\$20.00) shall be deposited in the division of motor vehicles manufacturing account and  
10 the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be distributed annually to the home and hospice care  
11 of Rhode Island in furtherance of their mission to provide compassionate and skilled care to those  
12 who are seriously ill.

13 (h) The home and hospice care of Rhode Island will be required to submit an annual  
14 audit, prepared by a certified public accountant before such monies are distributed.

15 (i) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of the home and hospice  
16 care of Rhode Island, the organization must use any Rhode Island sourced funds in and for the  
17 benefit of Rhode Island.

18 (j) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of the home and hospice care of Rhode  
19 Island plates.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would empower the division of motor vehicles to make available special design
- 2 motor vehicle plates based upon the home and hospice care of Rhode Island.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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