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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PREVIOUSLY UNINSURED
MOTORIST REGISTRY

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Lombardi, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: February 28, 2013

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 31 of the General Laws entitled "MOTOR AND OTHER
2 VEHICLES" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 32.1

4 PREVIOUSLY UNINSURED MOTORIST REGISTRY

5 **31-32.1-1. Short title.** -- This act shall be known and may be cited as "The Previously
6 Uninsured Motorist Registry Act."

7 **31-32.1-2. Definitions.** -- As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall
8 have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

9 (1) "Conviction" means a conviction for operating a motor vehicle without financial
10 responsibility in violation of this chapter.

11 (2) "Division" means the division of motor vehicles.

12 (3) "Previously uninsured motorist" means a person:

13 (i) Against whom a judgment is entered for;

14 (ii) Who is convicted of; or

15 (iii) Against whom the division has taken administrative action for operating a motor
16 vehicle without financial responsibility in violation of this chapter.

17 (4) "Registry" means the electronic registry of previously uninsured motorists established
18 under section 32-32.1-3 of this chapter.

1 **31-32.1-3. Establishment of registry.** -- The division shall, not later than January 1,
2 2014, establish an electronic registry of previously uninsured motorists to facilitate the random
3 and periodic verification of this chapter.

4 **31-32.1-4. Adoption of rules.** -- The division shall adopt rules to implement this chapter.
5 Rules adopted under this section must do the following:

6 (1) Establish the method of random selection of names of previously uninsured motorists
7 from the registry.

8 (2) Establish the methods by which the division may request evidence of financial
9 responsibility from a previously uninsured motorist whose name was randomly selected from the
10 registry.

11 (3) Establish the methods by which a previously uninsured motorist may respond to the
12 division's request for evidence of financial responsibility.

13 (4) Establish a schedule for the entry, updating, and timely removal of names on or from
14 the registry.

15 **31-32.1-5. Failure to respond is prima facie evidence.** -- The failure by a previously
16 uninsured motorist to respond to the division's request for verification of financial responsibility
17 under this chapter constitutes prima facie evidence of operating a motor vehicle without financial
18 responsibility in violation of this chapter.

19 **31-32.1-6. Removal of names from registry.** -- (a) The division shall remove the name
20 of a previously uninsured motorist from the registry not more than five (5) years after the date on
21 which the:

22 (1) Judgment;

23 (2) Conviction; or

24 (3) Administrative action by the division; for which the motorist's name is maintained on
25 the registry was entered against the motorist.

26 (b) If a previously uninsured motorist is convicted of a second or subsequent offense
27 under this chapter or is subject to a second or subsequent administrative action by the division
28 under this chapter, the division shall remove the motorist's name from the registry not more than
29 five (5) years after the date on which the second or subsequent conviction or the second or
30 subsequent administrative action by the division is entered.

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

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- 1 This act would establish an electronic registry of previously convicted uninsured
2 motorists.
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