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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 Goodwin, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: March 13, 2013

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

(Revenue)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-3-64 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration
2 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-3-64. Combination plates.** -- (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles
4 shall issue:

5 (1) For any motor vehicle eligible for registration as a commercial vehicle having a gross
6 weight of eight thousand eight hundred pounds (8,800 lbs.) or less, plates designated as
7 "combination" upon application and proper form furnished by the administrator of the division of
8 motor vehicles to applicants. The combination plates will allow those vehicles to drive for both
9 commercial and pleasure purposes; or

10 (2) For any motor vehicle eligible for registration as a commercial vehicle having a gross
11 weight over eight thousand eight hundred pounds (8,800 lbs.) up to eleven thousand four hundred
12 pounds (11,400 lbs.) plates designated as "combination" upon application, proof of ownership of
13 a camping trailer, fifth wheel camper trailer, travel trailer or truck camper as defined in section
14 31-1-3, and proper form furnished by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles to
15 applicants. The combination plates will allow those vehicles to drive for pleasure purposes only.

16 (b) The fees for commercial vehicles registering for a combination plate shall be
17 identical to those established for other commercial vehicles of the same weight. A combination
18 registration transaction shall be considered a change to a new registration classification and not a
19 plate change transaction. A combination registration shall be renewable during the month of

1 March each year; except that the director of the department of revenue, division of motor vehicles
2 shall implement a staggered registration system and a staggered distribution system for fully
3 reflective plates required to be on all vehicles pursuant to section 31-3-10.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow the division of motor vehicles to implement a staggered system of
2 registering and renewing combination vehicles instead of having all combination vehicle
3 registrations expire on the same date.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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