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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - DEALERS', MANUFACTURERS' AND  
RENTAL LICENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Nunes, Lima, Phillips, and Casey

Date Introduced: January 14, 2014

Referred To: House Small Business

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Sections 31-5-7, 31-5-8, 31-5-22 and 31-5-34 of the General Laws in  
2 Chapter 31-5 entitled "Dealers', Manufacturers', and Rental Licenses" are hereby amended to read  
3 as follows:

4           **31-5-7. Duration of license.** – (a) Application for license shall be made to the  
5 department. Licenses shall be valid, unless sooner revoked or suspended, until December 31st of  
6 each year for one year and shall be renewable on or before expiration, upon application and  
7 payment of the fee required by this chapter.

8           (b) Commencing January 1, 2015, licenses shall be valid, unless sooner revoked or  
9 suspended, until December 31, 2017, and shall be renewable thereafter every three (3) years.

10          **31-5-8. License fee.** – (a) The license fee for each year shall be as follows: the fee for the  
11 license to each motor vehicle dealer shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) plus a fee in like  
12 amount for each office or branch.

13          (b) Commencing January 1, 2015, the license fee for the three-year (3) license duration  
14 shall be nine hundred dollars (\$900) payable in installments of three hundred dollars (\$300) per  
15 year.

16          **31-5-22. Application for license -- Fee -- Expiration.** -- (a) Any person desiring to be  
17 licensed as a manufacturer, factory representative, or distributor shall apply to the department of  
18 revenue upon a form containing any information that the department shall require. The

1 department may require with the application or, otherwise, information relating to the applicant's  
2 solvency, his or her financial standing, or other pertinent matter commensurate with the  
3 safeguarding of the public interest, all of which may be considered by the department in  
4 determining the fitness of the applicant to engage in the business for which the applicant desires  
5 the license.

6 (b)(1) Each application of a factory representative shall be accompanied by a fee of one  
7 hundred dollars (\$100). Commencing January 1, 2015, the factory representative license fee for  
8 the three-year (3) license duration shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) and shall be payable in  
9 installments of one hundred dollars (\$100) per year.

10 (2) Each application of a manufacturer or distributor shall be accompanied by a fee of  
11 three hundred dollars (\$300). Commencing January 1, 2015, the manufacturers or distributors  
12 license fee for the three-year (3) license duration shall be nine hundred dollars (\$900) and shall be  
13 payable in installments of three hundred dollars (\$300) per year.

14 (c)(1) All licenses shall be granted or refused within thirty (30) days after the application  
15 is filed and shall expire, unless revoked or suspended before that time, on December 31st of the  
16 calendar year for which they are granted.

17 (2) Commencing January 1, 2015, licenses shall be valid, unless sooner revoked or  
18 suspended, until December 31, 2017 and shall be renewable thereafter every three (3) years.

19 **31-5-34. Application for license -- Fee -- Expiration.** -- (a)(1) Any person, firm, or  
20 corporation requiring a license pursuant to this chapter shall apply to the department upon a form  
21 specifying any information that the department shall require. The department may require with an  
22 application, or otherwise, information relating to the applicant's solvency, his or her or its  
23 financial standing, or any other matter ~~which~~ that the department may deem pertinent to  
24 safeguard the public interest, all of which may be considered by the department in determining  
25 the fitness of the applicant to be licensed pursuant to this chapter. Each application shall be  
26 accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100). All licenses shall be granted or refused  
27 within thirty (30) days after the application, and shall expire, unless sooner revoked or suspended,  
28 on December 31 of the calendar year for which they are granted.

29 (2) Commencing January 1, 2015, licenses shall be valid, unless sooner revoked or  
30 suspended, until December 31, 2017, and shall be renewable thereafter every three (3) years.  
31 Commencing January 1, 2015, the license fee for the three-year (3) license duration shall be three  
32 hundred dollars (\$300) and shall be payable in installments of one hundred dollars (\$100) per  
33 year.

34 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or public law to the contrary, the

1 authority to issue licenses for the rental or leasing of motorized bicycles and/or motorized  
2 tricycles in the town of New Shoreham shall be vested exclusively in the town council of the  
3 town of New Shoreham pursuant to the provisions of chapter 19.3 of title 31.

4 SECTION 2. Section 31-3-25 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration  
5 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 **31-3-25. Issuance of dealer's plates.** – (a) The division of motor vehicles shall issue  
7 special "dealer's plates" as applied for, which shall have displayed on them the general  
8 distinguishing number assigned to the applicant. Each plate so issued shall also contain a number  
9 or symbol identifying the plate from every other plate bearing the same general distinguishing  
10 number. The division of motor vehicles shall issue dealer's plates every three (3) years in clearly  
11 distinguishable colors, one color to be used by new vehicle dealers, another color for used  
12 vehicles dealers, and another color for transporter and bailee plates. The color for each category  
13 enumerated in this section, shall be changed every three (3) years with the issuance of the plates,  
14 and vehicle identification devices will be provided annually.

15 (b) The dealer plate issuance scheduled for January 1, 2017, shall be deferred until  
16 January 1, 2018 to coincide with the dealer license renewal cycle.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow dealers, manufacturers, distributors and leasing companies to renew  
2 their licenses every three (3) years instead of renewing every year. License fees remain  
3 unchanged but are allowed to be paid on a yearly basis.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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