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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives O'Grady, Ackerman, Marshall, Blazejewski, and Ucci

Date Introduced: January 15, 2015

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-3-33 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration
2 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-3-33. Renewal of registration.** -- (a) Application for renewal of a vehicle registration
4 shall be made by the owner on a proper application form and by payment of the registration fee
5 for the vehicle as provided by law.

6 (b) The division of motor vehicles may receive applications for renewal of registration,
7 and may grant the renewal and issue new registration cards and plates at any time prior to
8 expiration of registration.

9 (c) Upon renewal, owners will be issued a renewal sticker for each registration plate
10 which shall be placed at the bottom right hand corner of the plate. Owners shall be issued a new
11 fully reflective plate beginning September 1, ~~2015~~ 2017 at the time of initial registration or at the
12 renewal of an existing registration and reissuance will be conducted no less than every ten (10)
13 years.

14 (d) Commencing with the reissuance of plates beginning September 1, 2017, owners shall
15 have the option of retaining their current plates or returning their plates for the new fully
16 reflective plates issued by the division of motor vehicles pursuant to rules and regulations to be
17 promulgated by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles in accordance with § 31-3-28
18 and subject to approval by the governor and publication at least once in each county of the state
19 before becoming effective.

1 (e) The retained plates must be readable from a distance of one hundred feet (100') away
2 during daylight and retain their reflective coating or paint for the retained plates to pass the yearly
3 required state safety inspection.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would delay the issuance of license plates from September 1, 2015 until
2 September 1, 2017 and would provide owners of motor vehicles with the option of retaining their
3 current plates.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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