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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 Fogarty, Winfield, Shekarchi, Messier, and Abney

Date Introduced: February 11, 2015

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-3-48 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration
2 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-3-48. Plates for recipients of Purple Heart.** -- (a) The administrator of the division
4 of motor vehicles is empowered to make available to recipients of the Purple Heart Medal a
5 special motor vehicle registration plate indicating the owner as a recipient of the Purple Heart.

6 (b) The plate shall contain the words "combat wounded" across the top of the plate and
7 shall have an insignia for the Purple Heart and be followed by the letters "P H", followed by a
8 numeral or numerals. The Purple Heart insignia may be reproduced on the plate in the color
9 purple.

10 (c) Upon the death of the holder of any purple heart plates, the plates shall be transferred
11 to his or her surviving spouse for the spouse's lifetime until he or she remarries [or, if there is no](#)
12 [surviving spouse, then to a surviving relative for his or her lifetime.](#)

13 (d) The applicant is not required to pay a registration fee or service charge for the plates.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would entitle a surviving relative to receive a purple heart plate transfer upon the
2 death of the recipient.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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