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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Metts, Crowley, Goodwin, and Miller

Date Introduced: February 12, 2015

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-3 of the General Laws entitled "Registration of Vehicles" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-3-104. Special plate in honor of César E. Chávez. --** (a) The administrator of the
4 division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available special motor vehicle registration
5 plates in honor of César E. Chávez. The plate shall be designed to reference the "César E. Chávez
6 Committee of Rhode Island" and shall bear the seal of the state imprinted on it.

7 (b) The special plate shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned to the
8 vehicle for which it was issued and shall be used in place of and in the same manner as the
9 registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration plates for the vehicle shall be
10 removed from the vehicle and returned to the division of motor vehicles. The registration
11 certificate for the plates shall be carried in the vehicle, in accordance with § 31-3-9. The
12 registration certificate shall be in effect for the special plate.

13 (c) The César E. Chávez motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as regular motor
14 vehicle plates and shall be designed in conjunction with the division of motor vehicles, with
15 design approval by the Rhode Island State Police.

16 (d) The César E. Chávez motor vehicle plates shall be subject to a minimum pre-paid
17 order of at least nine hundred (900) sets of plates per plate type (i.e. passenger, commercial, etc.).
18 The César E. Chávez motor vehicle plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order(s)
19 requirements are met. The initial order will be handled by the César E. Chávez Committee of

1 Rhode Island, and shall not be submitted to the division of motor vehicles for production until the
2 minimum order(s) have been met, and the proper paperwork submitted to the division.

3 (e) The administrator of motor vehicles shall develop, prepayment procedures and any
4 other procedures deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

5 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, the César E.
6 Chávez plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

7 (g) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: Twenty
8 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)
9 shall be distributed annually to the César E. Chávez Scholarship Fund with the Rhode Island
10 Foundation.

11 (h) A ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated
12 to the César E. Chávez Scholarship Fund with the Rhode Island Foundation.

13 (i) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of César E. Chávez motor vehicle
14 plates.

15 (j) The César E. Chávez Committee of Rhode Island will be required to submit an annual
16 accounting report before such monies are distributed.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would create a special registration plate to honor César E. Chávez.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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