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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - RECIPROcity AGREEMENTS -
FOREIGN DRIVER LICENSES

Introduced By: Senators Cote, Picard, Crowley, Walaska, and Lombardo

Date Introduced: March 09, 2016

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-2-22 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-2 entitled "Division of
2 Motor Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-2-22. Authority to enter into reciprocity agreements.** -- (a) Notwithstanding any
4 other provisions of law, the administrator of the division of motor vehicles is authorized to enter
5 into reciprocal agreements on behalf of the state with the duly authorized representatives of any
6 state of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a state or a province of a foreign country,
7 providing for the registration of vehicles on an apportionment or allocation basis. In exercising
8 this authority, the administrator of the division of motor vehicles is expressly authorized to enter
9 into and to become a member of the International Registration Plan, or any other designation that
10 may, from time to time, be given to such a plan. The administrator of the division of motor
11 vehicles is further authorized to promulgate and to enforce any rules and regulations that may be
12 necessary to carry out the provisions of the International Registration Plan or any other agreement
13 entered into under authority set forth in this section.

14 (b) The International Registration Plan, and any other agreement authorized to be entered
15 into by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles, shall take precedence over any state
16 law or regulation that may be in conflict with the aforementioned agreements.

17 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the administrator of the division of motor
18 vehicles is authorized to enter into drivers' license agreements or other cooperative arrangements

1 on behalf of the state with the duly authorized representatives of a foreign country or political
2 entities equivalent to Rhode Island state government within a foreign country providing for the
3 reciprocal recognition of drivers' licenses. The administrator of the division of motor vehicles
4 shall adopt and enforce rules and regulations setting forth the standards required for such
5 agreements.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would allow the administrator of motor vehicles to make agreements to
- 2 recognize foreign drivers' licenses.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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