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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES--
SPECIAL PLATE FOR LUPUS FOUNDATION NEW ENGLAND

Introduced By: Senator Juan M. Pichardo

Date Introduced: March 10, 2016

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 for the Lupus Foundation New England. -- (a) The**
4 **administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available special motor**
5 **vehicle registration plates for the Lupus Foundation New England. The plates shall be designed to**
6 **reference the Lupus Foundation New England.**

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 plates.**

13 **(c) The Lupus Foundation New England motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as**
14 **regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed by the Lupus Foundation New England, in**
15 **conjunction with the division of motor vehicles, with design approval by the Rhode Island state**
16 **police.**

17 **(d) The Lupus Foundation New England plates shall be subject to a minimum prepaid**
18 **order of at least nine hundred (900) sets of plates per plate type (i.e. passenger, commercial, etc.).**

1 The Lupus Foundation New England plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order(s)
2 requirements are met. The initial order will be handled by the Lupus Foundation New England
3 and shall not be submitted to the division of motor vehicles for production until the minimum
4 order(s) have been met and the proper paperwork submitted to the division.

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

7 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, the Lupus
8 Foundation New England plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

9 (g) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty
10 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)
11 shall be distributed annually to the Lupus Foundation New England in furtherance of its mission
12 to assist charitable organizations in Rhode Island.

13 (h) A ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated
14 to the Lupus Foundation New England.

15 (i) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of Lupus Foundation New
16 England license plates, the foundation must use any Rhode Island sources funds in, and for the
17 benefit of, Rhode Island-based charitable organizations.

18 (j) Lupus Foundation New England will be required to submit an annual accounting
19 report before such monies are distributed.

20 (k) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of Lupus Foundation New England
21 plates.

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

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- 1 This act would authorize the issuance of a special license plate for Lupus Foundation
- 2 New England.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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