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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

Introduced By: Senators Felag, Sosnowski, P Fogarty, Kettle, and Morgan

Date Introduced: May 10, 2016

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **31-3-2. Vehicles subject to registration.** -- Every motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer,  
4 pole trailer, motorized camper, tent trailer, travel trailer, pick-up coach and pick-up camper,  
5 owned by a resident of this state when operated or drawn upon a highway within this state for a  
6 period of thirty (30) days shall be subject to the registration provisions of chapters 3 -- 9 of this  
7 title except:

8 (a) Any vehicle operated upon a highway in conformance with the provisions of the  
9 chapters relating to manufacturers, transporters, dealers, lien holders, or nonresidents;

10 (b) Any vehicle which is operated upon a highway only for the purpose of crossing the  
11 highway but not along the highway from one property to another;

12 (c) Any farm vehicle whether or not of a type otherwise subject to registration under this  
13 chapter which is only incidentally operated upon a highway; For purposes of this title the phrase  
14 "incidentally operated upon a highway" shall mean the operation upon a highway of a slow  
15 moving motor vehicle, which is designed and used primarily as a farm implement, for drawing  
16 plows, mowing machines, and other implements of husbandry, between agricultural operations  
17 owned or managed by the owner of the motor vehicle. Unless the incidental operation is only for  
18 purposes of crossing the highway but not traveling along it, the farm vehicle engaged in the  
19 incidental operation shall display a "Slow Moving Vehicle" emblem in a manner that complies

1 [with requirements established by the division of motor vehicles:](#)

2 (d) Any special mobile equipment as defined in § 31-1-9;

3 (e) Any vehicle which is propelled exclusively by electric power obtained from overhead  
4 trolley wires though not operated upon rails.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would define incidental operation upon a highway for exempted farm vehicles
- 2           and require them to display a "Slow Moving Vehicle" emblem when so engaged.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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