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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Solomon, Jacquard, Vella-Wilkinson, McNamara, and
Cunha

Date Introduced: March 01, 2017

Referred To: House Finance

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 **31-3-112. Special plate for Operation Stand Down RI.**

4 (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available
5 special motor vehicle registration plates for passenger vehicles based upon the not-for-profit
6 entity, Operation Stand Down RI, for any motor vehicle eligible for registration as an automobile
7 or commercial vehicle having a gross weight of ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.) or less.

8 (b) The special plate shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned to the
9 vehicle for which it was issued and shall be used in place of and in the same manner as the
10 registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration plates for the vehicle shall be
11 removed from the vehicle and the registration certificate for the plates shall be carried in the
12 vehicle, in accordance with §31-3-9. The registration certificate shall be in effect for the special
13 plate. The administrator shall be authorized to retain newly issued plate numbers, at their
14 discretion, for the purpose of conducting auctions for the right to use and display those numbers
15 under such terms and conditions as the administrator may permit.

16 (c) Auction proceeds shall be apportioned and distributed for charitable purposes, in the
17 discretion of the administrator, in accordance with such agreements as may be entered into with
18 those entities holding ownership rights to the logos. The administrator is hereby authorized to
19 enter into agreements for the use of logos on Rhode Island administration plates.

1 (d) Operation Stand Down RI motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as regular motor
2 vehicle plates and shall be designed in conjunction with the division of motor vehicles, with
3 design approval by the Rhode Island state police.

4 (e) Operation Stand Down RI plates shall be subject to a minimum prepaid order of at
5 least nine hundred (900) plates. Operation Stand Down RI plates shall not be issued unless the
6 minimum order requirements are met. The initial order will be handled by Operation Stand Down
7 RI and shall not be submitted to the division of motor vehicles for production until the minimum
8 order has been met and the proper paperwork submitted to the division. Subsequent Operation
9 Stand Down RI plate orders will be handled by the division of motor vehicles.

10 (f) The administrator of motor vehicles shall develop application forms, prepayment
11 procedures and any other procedures deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

12 (g) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, Operation Stand
13 Down RI plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

14 (h) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty
15 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)
16 shall be distributed annually to Operation Stand Down RI in furtherance of its mission to "support
17 our troops: in helping struggling and homeless veterans by offering housing and supportive
18 services necessary to their well-being."

19 (i) A ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated
20 to Operation Stand Down RI.

21 (j) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of Operation Stand Down
22 RI plates, the organization must use any Rhode Island sourced funds in and for the benefit of
23 Rhode Island based charitable organizations.

24 (k) Operation Stand Down RI will be required to submit an annual accounting report
25 before such monies are distributed.

26 (l) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of Operation Stand Down RI plates.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize the division of motor vehicles to issue motor vehicle registration
2 plates for automobiles and/or commercial vehicles having a gross weight of ten thousand pounds
3 (10,000 lbs.) or less for the financial benefit of Operation Stand Down RI in support of the
4 organization's mission to assist struggling and homeless veterans by offering them housing and
5 supportive services.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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