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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 Ruggerio, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Miller, and Pearson

Date Introduced: February 16, 2017

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 **31-3-112. Special plate for the Ocean State Animal Coalition.**

4 (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available a
5 special motor vehicle registration plate for the Ocean State Animal Coalition. The plates shall be
6 designed to reference the Ocean State Animal Coalition.

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 Ocean State Animal Coalition motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as
14 regular motor vehicle plates, and shall be designed in conjunction with the division of motor
15 vehicles, with the design approved by the Rhode Island state police.

16 (d) The Ocean State Animal Coalition motor vehicle plates shall be subject to a minimum
17 pre-paid order of at least nine hundred (900) sets of plates. The Ocean State Animal Coalition
18 plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order requirements are met. The initial order shall
19 be handled by the Ocean State Animal Coalition, and shall not be submitted to the division of

1 motor vehicles for production until the minimum order(s) have been met, and the proper
2 paperwork submitted to the division.

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

5 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, the Ocean State
6 Animal Coalition motor vehicle plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40) issuance surcharge.

7 (g) The forty dollar (\$40) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty dollars
8 (\$20) shall be allocated to the general fund, and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20) shall be
9 distributed annually to the Ocean State Animal Coalition in furtherance of its mission to improve
10 the status and well-being of animals in Rhode Island, including subsidizing spay and neuter
11 services for cats and dogs.

12 (h) The Ocean State Animal Coalition shall be required to submit an annual accounting
13 report before such monies are distributed.

14 (i) A ten dollar (\$10) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated to
15 the Ocean State Animal Coalition.

16 (j) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of Ocean State Animal Coalition
17 motor vehicle plates.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would create the Ocean State Animal Coalition motor vehicle plate to help raise
- 2 revenue and subsidize spay and neuter services for cats and dogs.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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