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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 DiPalma, Goodwin, Seveney, Pearson, and Lombardo

Date Introduced: March 09, 2017

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 31-3-85 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration  
2 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **31-3-85. Special plate for the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation.**

4           (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available  
5 special motor vehicle registration plates for passenger vehicle based upon the not-for-profit  
6 entity, the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation for any motor vehicle eligible for  
7 registration as an automobile, ~~or~~ commercial vehicle having a gross weight of ten thousand  
8 pounds (10,000 lbs.) or less, [or combination vehicle](#).

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

17           Auction proceeds shall be apportioned and distributed for charitable purposes, in the  
18 discretion of the administrator, in accordance with such agreements as may be entered into with  
19 those entities holding ownership rights to the logos. The administrator is hereby authorized to

1 enter into agreements for the use of logos on Rhode Island registration plates.

2 (c) The New England Patriots Charitable Foundation motor vehicle plates shall be the  
3 same size as regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed in conjunction with the division of  
4 motor vehicles, with design approved by the Rhode Island State Police.

5 (d) New England Patriots Charitable Foundation plates shall be subject to a minimum  
6 pre-paid order of at least nine hundred (900) plates. New England Patriots Charitable Foundation  
7 plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order requirements are met. The initial order will  
8 be handled by the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation and shall not be submitted to the  
9 division of motor vehicles for the production until the minimum order has been met and the  
10 proper paperwork submitted to the division. Subsequent New England Patriots Charitable  
11 Foundation plate orders will be handled by the division of motor vehicles.

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

14 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, New England  
15 Patriots Charitable Foundation plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance  
16 surcharge.

17 (g) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty  
18 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)  
19 shall be distributed annually to the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation in furtherance of  
20 their mission of assisting the youth and families of New England through donations that foster  
21 cultural diversity, education, family and health.

22 (h) A ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated  
23 to the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation.

24 (i) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of New England Patriots  
25 Charitable Foundation, the foundation must use any Rhode Island sourced funds in and for the  
26 benefit of Rhode Island based charitable organizations.

27 (j) The New England Patriots Charitable Foundation will be required to submit an annual  
28 accounting report before such monies are distributed.

29 (k) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of New England Patriots Charitable  
30 Foundation plates.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1 This act would add the class of combination vehicles to the list of vehicles eligible for
- 2 New England Patriots Charitable Foundation registration plates.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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