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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, Seveney, Felag, and Coyne

Date Introduced: June 08, 2017

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

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 **31-3-6.3. Unpaid out-of-state toll amounts, administrative fees, and fines - Denial of**
4 **registration - Denial of transfer of registration - Denial of renewal of registration and**
5 **licenses.**

6 (a) Upon receipt of a request from another state or other entity with similar tolling
7 authority with which the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority has entered into an
8 agreement providing for the reciprocal treatment of out-of-state toll violators to take action
9 against a toll violator, the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority shall conduct an
10 independent review of each toll violation that forms the basis for such request, which shall
11 include a review of photographic, video, or other visual evidence, to determine that the requesting
12 state or other entity with similar tolling authority imposed any toll amounts, administrative fees,
13 and/or fines against the actual registered owner of the motor vehicle.

14 (b) If after its independent review the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority is
15 satisfied that any toll amounts, administrative fees, and/or fines are properly imposed against the
16 actual registered owner of the motor vehicle and the registered owner could be subject to
17 reporting to the division of motor vehicles pursuant to §24-12-37 if such toll violations had
18 occurred on tolled projects in this state, the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority may
19 report the registered owner to the division of motor vehicles.

1 (c) The division of motor vehicles shall not renew any operator's license or registration
2 upon expiration thereof, register any motor vehicle or transfer the registration of any motor
3 vehicle of any person reported to it pursuant to subsection (b) of this section until any toll
4 amounts, administrative fees, and/or fines owed to the other state or other entity with similar
5 tolling authority have been paid in full or the person has entered into, and is in current compliance
6 with, a repayment agreement with respect to any amounts owed. The Rhode Island turnpike and
7 bridge authority shall provide a copy of any notification received from the other state or other
8 entity with similar tolling authority regarding full payment of amounts owed or the existence of a
9 repayment agreement to the division of motor vehicles within five (5) business days of receipt.
10 Within five (5) business days of receiving such notification, the division of motor vehicles shall
11 renew the person's license and renew, transfer, or issue the person's registration.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on April 1, 2018.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would subject toll violators of out-of-state tolled projects to license and
2 registration denial under certain circumstances.

3 This act would take effect on April 1, 2018.

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