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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: 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) As part of its independent review, the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority  
15 shall provide written notice to the registered owner of the motor vehicle in question. The  
16 registered owner shall have ten (10) days from the date on the written notice to contact the Rhode  
17 Island turnpike and bridge authority and to provide information, documentation and any other  
18 evidence contesting the requested action against the out-of-state toll violator. Thereafter, the  
19 Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority shall consider all of the information, documentation

1 and any other evidence provided as part of its independent review.

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

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

19 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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