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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Cunha, Solomon, Fellela, Nunes, and Marshall

Date Introduced: February 28, 2018

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           **31-3-117. Special plate for Day of Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc.**

4           (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available  
5 special motor vehicle registration plates for the not-for-profit Day of Portugal and Portuguese  
6 Heritage in RI, Inc. The plates shall be designed to reference Day of Portugal and Portuguese  
7 Heritage in RI, Inc.

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 returned to the division of motor vehicles. The registration  
12 certificate for the plates shall be carried in the vehicle, in accordance with § 31-3-9. The  
13 registration certificate shall be in effect for the special plate.

14           (c) Day of Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc. motor vehicle plates shall be the  
15 same size as regular motor vehicle plates, and shall be designed by Day of Portugal and  
16 Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc. in conjunction with the division of motor vehicles, with the design  
17 approved by the RI state police.

18           (d) Day of Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc. plates shall be subject to a  
19 minimum pre-paid order of at least nine hundred (900) sets of plates per plate type (i.e. passenger,

1 commercial, etc.). Day of Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc. plates shall not be issued  
2 unless the minimum order(s) requirements are met. The initial order will be handled by Day of  
3 Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc., and shall not be submitted to the division of motor  
4 vehicles for production until the minimum order(s) have been met, and the proper paperwork  
5 submitted to the division.

6 (e) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles shall develop application forms,  
7 pre-payment procedures and any other procedures deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of  
8 this section.

9 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, Day of Portugal  
10 and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc. plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance  
11 surcharge.

12 (g) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty  
13 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)  
14 shall be distributed annually to Day of Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc. to assist in  
15 the fiscal needs and in furtherance of is mission.

16 (h) A ten dollar (\$10) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals will go to Day of  
17 Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc.

18 (i) Day of Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc. will be required to submit an  
19 annual accounting report before such monies are distributed.

20 (j) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of Day of Portugal and Portuguese  
21 Heritage in RI, Inc. for motor vehicle license plates.

22 (k) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of Day of Portugal and  
23 Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc. plates, the organization must use any Rhode Island sourced funds  
24 in and for the benefit of Rhode Island-based charitable organizations.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would create a Day of Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc. motor  
2 vehicle license plate.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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