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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES --
SPECIAL PLATE FOR MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, Solomon, Ucci, Hawkins, and Serodio

Date Introduced: January 17, 2019

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 **31-3-121. Special plate for the MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF**
4 **RHODE ISLAND.**

5 (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available
6 special motor vehicle registration plates for the not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) Rhode Island
7 Corporation, MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND. The plates shall
8 be designed to reference the MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND.

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

15 (c) The MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND motor vehicle
16 plates shall be the same size as regular motor vehicle plates, and shall be designed by the
17 MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND in conjunction with the
18 division of motor vehicles, with the design approved by the Rhode Island state police.

1 (d) The MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND plates shall be
2 subject to a minimum pre-paid order of at least six hundred (600) sets of plates per plate type (i.e.
3 passenger, commercial, etc.). The MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE
4 ISLAND plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order(s) requirements are met. The initial
5 order will be handled by the MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND,
6 and shall not be submitted to the division of motor vehicles for production until the minimum
7 order(s) have been met, and the proper paperwork submitted to the division.

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

11 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, the MASONIC
12 GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND plates shall be subject to a forty-dollar
13 (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

14 (g) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: Twenty
15 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)
16 shall be distributed annually to the MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE
17 ISLAND to assist in its charitable work. The distribution to the MASONIC GRAND LODGE
18 CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND shall be placed in a restricted account and shall be paid to the
19 MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND.

20 (h) A ten-dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated
21 to the MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND.

22 (i) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of the MASONIC
23 GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND license plates, the foundation must use any
24 Rhode Island sourced funds in, and for the benefit of, Rhode Island-based charitable
25 organizations.

26 (j) The MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND will be
27 required to submit an annual accounting report before such monies are distributed.

28 (k) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of MASONIC GRAND LODGE
29 CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND plates.

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

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1 This act would authorize a special license plate for the MASONIC GRAND LODGE
2 CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND, specify the minimum order and govern the amount and
3 distribution of the fee surcharge.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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