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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representative Lauren H. Carson

Date Introduced: January 10, 2020

Referred To: House Special Legislation

(by request)

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 Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, 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 The Rose Island Lighthouse  
6 Foundation, Inc. The plates shall be designed to reference The Rose Island Lighthouse  
7 Foundation, 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) The Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. motor vehicle plates shall be the same  
15 size as regular motor vehicle plates, and shall be designed by The Rose Island Lighthouse  
16 Foundation, Inc., in conjunction with the division of motor vehicles, with the design approved by  
17 the Rhode Island state police.

18           (d) The Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. plates shall be subject to a minimum  
19 pre-paid order of at least six hundred (600) sets of plates per plate type (i.e. passenger,

1 commercial, etc.). The Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. plates shall not be issued unless  
2 the minimum order requirement is met. The initial order will be handled by The Rose Island  
3 Lighthouse Foundation, Inc., and shall not be submitted to the division of motor vehicles for  
4 production until the minimum order has been met, and the proper paperwork submitted to the  
5 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, The Rose Island  
10 Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. plates shall be subject to a forty-dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

11 (g) The forty-dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows:  
12 Twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars  
13 (\$20.00) shall be distributed annually to The Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, Inc., to assist in  
14 the fiscal needs required to maintain and protect this historic site for all to enjoy, and to continue  
15 in the fostering of The Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. presence as an asset to Rhode  
16 Island's economic growth and prosperity. The distribution to The Rose Island Lighthouse  
17 Foundation, Inc. shall be placed in a restricted account and shall be paid to The Rose Island  
18 Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.

19 (h) A ten-dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated  
20 to The Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.

21 (i) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of The Rose Island  
22 Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. license plates, the foundation must use any Rhode Island sourced  
23 funds in, and for the benefit of, Rhode Island-based charitable organizations.

24 (j) The Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. shall be required to submit an annual  
25 accounting report before such monies are distributed.

26 (k) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of The Rose Island Lighthouse  
27 Foundation, Inc. plates.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would create a special motor vehicle registration plate for The Rose Island
- 2 Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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