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ARTICLE 11

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRANSPORTATION

SECTION 1. Sections 31-2-1 and 31-2-27 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-2 entitled "Division of Motor Vehicles" are hereby amended to read as follows:

31-2-1. Establishment — Duties — Chief of division.

Within the department of revenue there shall be a division of motor vehicles. The division will be responsible for activities assigned to it by law, including, but not limited to, motor vehicle registration, testing and licensing of motor vehicle operators, inspection of motor vehicles, and enforcement of laws relating to the issuance, suspension and revocation of motor vehicle registrations and drivers’ licenses. The division shall administer the financial responsibility law. The chief of the division shall use the title and designation “registrar” or “administrator” on all licenses, registrations, orders of suspensions, financial responsibility notices or orders, or any other official documents issued or promulgated by the division. He or she shall exercise all powers and duties prescribed by chapters 1 — 27 of this title and shall supervise and direct the promotion of highway traffic safety.

On or before January 1, 2027, the administrator in consultation with the department of transportation is hereby directed to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the general assembly regarding options to index or update fees charged in § 31-6-1 (27)(i) and any other related changes for battery electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and hybrid electric vehicles. The report at a minimum shall include information and practices in other states.

31-2-27. Technology surcharge fee.

(a) The division of motor vehicles shall collect a technology surcharge fee of ~~two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50)~~ three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) per transaction for every division of motor vehicles’ fee transaction, except as otherwise provided by law and provided no surcharge fee is assessed on motor vehicle inspection transactions conducted pursuant to § 31-38-4. ~~One dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) of each two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the information technology investment fund established pursuant to § 42-11-2.5 and shall be used for project-related payments and/or ongoing maintenance of and enhancements to the division of motor vehicles’ computer system and to reimburse the information technology investment fund for advances made to cover project-related payments. The remaining~~

1 ~~one dollar (\$1.00)~~ All technology surcharge fees collected pursuant to this section shall be
2 deposited into a restricted-receipt account managed by the division of motor vehicles and restricted
3 to the project-related payments and/or ongoing maintenance of and enhancements to the division
4 of motor vehicles' computer system.

5 (b) [Deleted by P.L. 2019, ch. 88, art. 7, § 1].

6 ~~(c) Beginning July 1, 2022, the full two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) shall be deposited~~
7 ~~into the division of motor vehicles restricted account and restricted to the project-related payments~~
8 ~~and/or ongoing maintenance of and enhancements to the division of motor vehicles' computer~~
9 ~~system.~~

10 SECTION 2. Section 31-6-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-6 entitled "Registration
11 Fees" is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 **31-6-1. Amount of registration and miscellaneous fees.**

13 The following registration fees shall be paid to the division of motor vehicles for the
14 registration of motor vehicles, trailers, semi-trailers, and school buses subject to registration for
15 each year of registration:

16 (1) For the registration of every automobile, when equipped with pneumatic tires, the gross
17 weight of which is not more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.): thirty dollars (\$30.00).

18 (2) For the registration of every motor truck or tractor when equipped with pneumatic tires,
19 the gross weight of which is not more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.): thirty-four dollars
20 (\$34.00).

21 (3) For the registration of every automobile, motor truck or tractor, when equipped with
22 pneumatic tires, the gross weight of which is:

23 (i) More than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.), but not more than five thousand pounds
24 (5,000 lbs.): forty dollars (\$40.00);

25 (ii) More than five thousand pounds (5,000 lbs.), but not more than six thousand pounds
26 (6,000 lbs.): forty-eight dollars (\$48.00);

27 (iii) More than six thousand pounds (6,000 lbs.), but not more than seven thousand pounds
28 (7,000 lbs.): fifty-six dollars (\$56.00);

29 (iv) More than seven thousand pounds (7,000 lbs.), but not more than eight thousand
30 pounds (8,000 lbs.): sixty-four dollars (\$64.00);

31 (v) More than eight thousand pounds (8,000 lbs.), but not more than nine thousand pounds
32 (9,000 lbs.): seventy dollars (\$70.00);

33 (vi) More than nine thousand pounds (9,000 lbs.), but not more than ten thousand pounds
34 (10,000 lbs.): seventy-eight dollars (\$78.00);

1 (vii) More than ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.), but not more than twelve thousand
2 pounds (12,000 lbs.): one hundred six dollars (\$106);

3 (viii) More than twelve thousand pounds (12,000 lbs.), but not more than fourteen thousand
4 pounds (14,000 lbs.): one hundred twenty-four dollars (\$124);

5 (ix) More than fourteen thousand pounds (14,000 lbs.), but not more than sixteen thousand
6 pounds (16,000 lbs.): one hundred forty dollars (\$140);

7 (x) More than sixteen thousand pounds (16,000 lbs.), but not more than eighteen thousand
8 pounds (18,000 lbs.): one hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$158);

9 (xi) More than eighteen thousand pounds (18,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty thousand
10 pounds (20,000 lbs.): one hundred seventy-six dollars (\$176);

11 (xii) More than twenty thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-two
12 thousand pounds (22,000 lbs.): one hundred ninety-four dollars (\$194);

13 (xiii) More than twenty-two thousand pounds (22,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-four
14 thousand pounds (24,000 lbs.): two hundred ten dollars (\$210);

15 (xiv) More than twenty-four thousand pounds (24,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-six
16 thousand pounds (26,000 lbs.): two hundred thirty dollars (\$230);

17 (xv) More than twenty-six thousand pounds (26,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-eight
18 thousand pounds (28,000 lbs.): two hundred ninety-six dollars (\$296);

19 (xvi) More than twenty-eight thousand pounds (28,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty
20 thousand pounds (30,000 lbs.): three hundred sixteen dollars (\$316);

21 (xvii) More than thirty thousand pounds (30,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-two
22 thousand pounds (32,000 lbs.): four hundred and twenty-two dollars (\$422);

23 (xviii) More than thirty-two thousand pounds (32,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-four
24 thousand pounds (34,000 lbs.): four hundred and forty-eight dollars (\$448);

25 (xix) More than thirty-four thousand pounds (34,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-six
26 thousand pounds (36,000 lbs.): four hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$476);

27 (xx) More than thirty-six thousand pounds (36,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-eight
28 thousand pounds (38,000 lbs.): five hundred and two dollars (\$502);

29 (xxi) More than thirty-eight thousand pounds (38,000 lbs.), but not more than forty
30 thousand pounds (40,000 lbs.): five hundred and twenty-eight dollars (\$528);

31 (xxii) More than forty thousand pounds (40,000 lbs.), but not more than forty-two thousand
32 pounds (42,000 lbs.): five hundred and fifty-four dollars (\$554);

33 (xxiii) More than forty-two thousand pounds (42,000 lbs.), but not more than forty-six
34 thousand pounds (46,000 lbs.): six hundred and eight dollars (\$608);

1 (xxiv) More than forty-six thousand pounds (46,000 lbs.), but not more than fifty thousand
2 pounds (50,000 lbs.): six hundred and sixty dollars (\$660);
3 (xxv) More than fifty thousand pounds (50,000 lbs.), but not more than fifty-four thousand
4 pounds (54,000 lbs.): seven hundred and twelve dollars (\$712);
5 (xxvi) More than fifty-four thousand pounds (54,000 lbs.), but not more than fifty-eight
6 thousand pounds (58,000 lbs.): seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars (\$768);
7 (xxvii) More than fifty-eight thousand pounds (58,000 lbs.), but not more than sixty-two
8 thousand pounds (62,000 lbs.): eight hundred and sixteen dollars (\$816);
9 (xxviii) More than sixty-two thousand pounds (62,000 lbs.), but not more than sixty-six
10 thousand pounds (66,000 lbs.): eight hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$876);
11 (xxix) More than sixty-six thousand pounds (66,000 lbs.), but not more than seventy
12 thousand pounds (70,000 lbs.): nine hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$924);
13 (xxx) More than seventy thousand pounds (70,000 lbs.), but not more than seventy-four
14 thousand pounds (74,000 lbs.): nine hundred and seventy-two dollars (\$972);
15 (xxxi) Over seventy-four thousand pounds (74,000 lbs.): nine hundred and seventy-two
16 dollars (\$972), plus twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) per two thousand pounds (2,000 lbs.) gross
17 weight.

18 (4) For the registration of every semi-trailer to be used with a truck-tractor, as defined in §
19 31-1-4(f), shall be as follows: an annual fee of twelve dollars (\$12.00) for a one-year registration;
20 for multi-year registrations the fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a five-year (5) registration; and
21 eighty dollars (\$80.00) for an eight-year (8) registration. However, when in use, the weight of the
22 resulting semi-trailer unit and its maximum carrying capacity shall not exceed the gross weight of
23 the original semi-trailer unit from which the gross weight of the tractor was determined. A
24 registration certificate and registration plate shall be issued for each semi-trailer so registered.
25 There shall be no refund of payment of such fee, except that when a plate is returned prior to ninety
26 (90) days before the effective date of that year's registration, the pro rate amount, based on the
27 unused portion of the multi-year registration plate period at time of surrender, shall be refunded. A
28 multi-year semi-trailer registration may be transferred to another semi-trailer subject to the
29 provisions and fee set forth in § 31-6-11. Thirty percent (30%) of the semi-trailer registration fee
30 shall be retained by the division of motor vehicles to defray the costs of implementation of the
31 international registration plan (IRP) and fleet registration section.

32 (5) For the registration of every automobile, motor truck, or tractor, when equipped with
33 other than pneumatic tires, there shall be added to the above gross weight fees a charge of ten cents
34 (10¢) for each one hundred pounds (100 lbs.) of gross weight.

1 (6) For the registration of every public bus, the rates provided for motor vehicles for hire
2 plus two dollars (\$2.00) for each passenger that bus is rated to carry, the rating to be determined by
3 the administrator of the division of motor vehicles.

4 (7) For the registration of every motorcycle, or motor-driven cycle, thirteen dollars
5 (\$13.00). Three dollars (\$3.00) from that sum shall be turned over to the department of education
6 to assist in the payment of the cost of the motorcycle driver's education program as enumerated in
7 § 31-10.1-1.1.

8 (8) For the registration of every trailer, not including semi-trailers used with a truck-tractor
9 as defined in § 31-1-4(d), with a gross weight of three thousand pounds (3,000 lbs.) or less, five
10 dollars (\$5.00). Trailers with a gross weight of more than three thousand pounds (3,000 lbs.) shall
11 be assessed a registration fee of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per thousand pounds (1,000 lbs.).

12 (9) The annual registration fee for a motor vehicle, commonly described as a boxcar and/or
13 locomotive, and used only by La Societe Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux for civic demonstration,
14 parades, convention purposes, or social welfare work, shall be two dollars (\$2.00).

15 (10) For the registration of every motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer owned by any
16 department or agency of any city or town or district, provided the name of the city or town or
17 district or state department or agency owning the same shall be plainly printed on two (2) sides of
18 the vehicle, two dollars (\$2.00).

19 (11) For the registration of motor vehicles used for racing, fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

20 (12) For every duplicate registration certificate, seventeen dollars (\$17.00).

21 (13) For every certified copy of a registration certificate or application, ten dollars (\$10.00).

22 (14) For every certificate assigning a special identification number or mark as provided in
23 § 31-3-37, one dollar (\$1.00).

24 (15) For every replacement of number plates or additional pair of number plates, without
25 changing the number, thirty dollars (\$30.00).

26 (16) For the registration of every farm vehicle, used in farming as provided in § 31-3-31:
27 ten dollars (\$10.00).

28 (17) For the registration of antique motor vehicles, five dollars (\$5.00).

29 (18) For the registration of a suburban vehicle, when used as a pleasure vehicle and the
30 gross weight of which is not more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.), the same rates as charged
31 in subsection (1) of this section shall be applicable and when used as a commercial vehicle and the
32 gross weight of which is not more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.), the same rates as
33 provided in subsection (2) of this section shall be applicable. The rates in subsection (3) of this
34 section shall be applicable when the suburban vehicle has a gross weight of more than four thousand

1 pounds (4,000 lbs.), regardless of the use of the vehicle.

2 (19) For the registration of every motor bus that is used exclusively under contract with a
3 political subdivision or school district of the state for the transportation of school children, twenty-
4 five dollars (\$25); provided that the motor bus may also be used for the transportation of persons
5 to and from church and Sunday school services, and for the transportation of children to and from
6 educational or recreational projects sponsored by a city or town or by any association or
7 organization supported wholly or in part by public or private donations for charitable purposes,
8 without the payment of additional registration fee.

9 (20) For the registration of every motorized bicycle, ten dollars (\$10.00).

10 (21) For the registration of every motorized tricycle, ten dollars (\$10.00).

11 (22) For the replacement of number plates with a number change, twenty dollars (\$20.00).

12 (23) For the initial issuance and each reissuance of fully reflective plates, as required by §§
13 31-3-10, 31-3-32, and 31-3-33, an additional eight dollars (\$8.00); provided, however, for the initial
14 issuance of new license plates as required by § 31-3-33(c) that feature the 2022 approved design,
15 the fee shall be waived when the plate is issued for a vehicle with an existing registration.

16 (24) For the issuance of a trip permit under the International Registration Plan, twenty-five
17 dollars (\$25.00) per vehicle. The division of motor vehicles is authorized to issue seventy-two-hour
18 (72) trip permits for vehicles required to be registered in the International Registration Plan that
19 have not been apportioned with the state of Rhode Island.

20 (25) For the issuance of a hunter's permit under the International Registration Plan, twenty-
21 five dollars (\$25.00) per vehicle. The division of motor vehicles is authorized to issue hunter's
22 permits for motor vehicles based in the state of Rhode Island and otherwise required to be registered
23 in the International Registration Plan. These permits are valid for thirty (30) days.

24 (26) For the registration of a specially adapted motor vehicle necessary to transport a family
25 member with a disability for personal, noncommercial use, a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) assessed.

26 (27) For the registration of every automobile, motor truck, or tractor, there shall be added
27 to the above gross weight fees:

28 (i) A fee of two hundred dollars (\$200) for each battery electric vehicle;
29 (ii) A fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each plug-in hybrid electric vehicle; and
30 (iii) A fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each hybrid electric vehicle.

31 (28) For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

32 (i) "Battery electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle which operates solely by use of a
33 battery or battery pack. The term includes a motor vehicle which is powered mainly through the
34 use of an electric battery or battery pack but which uses a flywheel that stores energy produced by

1 the electric motor or through regenerative braking to assist in operation of the motor vehicle.

2 (ii) "Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle that can deliver power to the
3 drive wheels solely by a battery-powered electric motor but which also incorporates the use of
4 another fuel to power a combustion engine. The battery of the vehicle must be capable of receiving
5 energy from an external source, such as an outlet or charging station.

6 (iii) Hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) are primarily powered by an internal combustion
7 engine, (gasoline, diesel, or alternative fuel) in conjunction with an electric motor.

8 SECTION 3. Section 31-8-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-8 entitled "Offenses
9 Against Registration and Certificate of Title Laws" is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 **31-8-1. Operation of vehicles without evidences of registration.**

11 No person shall operate, nor shall an owner knowingly permit to be operated, upon any
12 highway or bicycle trail or path, any vehicle required to be registered pursuant to this title unless
13 there has been issued for it a valid registration card and unless there is attached to it and displayed
14 on it, when and as required by chapters 3 — 9 of this title, a valid registration plate or plates issued
15 for it by the division of motor vehicles for the current registration year except as otherwise expressly
16 permitted in those chapters. Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of ~~eighty-~~
17 ~~five dollars (\$85.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100).

18 SECTION 4. Section 31-10-6.4 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-10 entitled "Operators'
19 and Chauffeurs' Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 **31-10-6.4. Violations.**

21 It is unlawful for the holder of a limited learner's permit, a temporary permit or a limited
22 provisional license to drive a motor vehicle in violation of the restrictions that apply to that permit
23 or license. Failure to comply with a restriction concerning time of driving or the presence of a
24 supervising driver in the vehicle constitutes operating a motor vehicle without a license. Failure to
25 comply with any other restriction, including seating and passenger limitations, is an infraction
26 punishable by a monetary fine of ~~eighty five dollars (\$85.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100) for the
27 first offense, ~~ninety five dollars (\$95.00)~~ one hundred ten dollars (\$110) for the second offense,
28 and ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ one hundred forty dollars (\$140) for a third or any subsequent
29 offenses.

30 SECTION 5. Section 31-23-51 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-23 entitled "Equipment
31 and Accessories Generally" is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 **31-23-51. Earphones and headsets prohibited.**

33 (a) No person shall operate a bicycle or motor vehicle upon any highway while wearing
34 earphones, a headset, headphone, or other listening device. Any person who violates this section

1 shall be fined: (1) ~~eighty-five dollars (\$85.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100) for the first offense, (2)
2 ~~ninety-five dollars (\$95.00)~~ one hundred ten dollars (\$110) for the second offense, and (3) one
3 hundred forty dollars (\$140) for the third and each subsequent offense.

4 (b) This section shall not apply to:

5 (1) Any emergency vehicle operator using an integrated intercom system;

6 (2) Any person operating a motorcycle who is using a headset installed in a helmet and
7 worn so as to prevent the speakers from making direct contact with the user's ears so that the user
8 can hear surrounding sounds;

9 (3) Any person using a headset in conjunction with a cellular telephone that only provides
10 sound through one ear and allows surrounding sounds to be heard with the other ear;

11 (4) Any person using a headset in conjunction with the communicating with the central
12 base operation that only provides sound through one ear and allows surrounding sounds to be heard
13 with the other ear;

14 (5) Any person using a hearing aid(s) or instrument for the improvement of hearing.

15 (c) The department of motor vehicles shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to
16 implement the provisions of this section.

17 SECTION 6. Section 31-25-16 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-25 entitled "Size,
18 Weight, and Load Limits" is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 **31-25-16. Authorized weight shown in registration — Exceeding limit.**

20 (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles shall insert in the registration card
21 issued for a vehicle the gross weight for which it is registered. If it is a truck tractor to be used for
22 propelling semi-trailers, he or she shall separately insert the total permissible gross weight of the
23 truck tractor and semi-trailers to be propelled by it. It shall be unlawful for any carrier to operate
24 or permit to be operated any vehicle or combination of vehicles of a gross weight in excess of that
25 registered by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles, permitted by the department of
26 transportation, or in excess of the limitations set forth in this chapter.

27 (b) For the purposes of this chapter, "carrier" means and includes any company or person
28 who furthers their commercial or private enterprise by use of the vehicle.

29 (c)(1) Penalties for violations of this section will be calculated on the legal weight in
30 comparison to the actual weight and shall be heard and adjudicated at the traffic tribunal.

31 (2) The overweight penalties for vehicles with ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.) gross
32 vehicle weight or less shall be ~~eighty-five dollars (\$85.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100) per thousand
33 pounds overweight or portion of it.

34 (3) The overweight penalties for vehicles exceeding ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.)

gross vehicle weight shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per five hundred pounds (500 lbs.) overweight or portion of it.

(4) The overweight penalty for vehicles being operated in excess of one hundred four thousand, eight hundred pounds (104,800 lbs.) gross vehicle weight shall be one thousand twenty-five dollars (\$1,025) in addition to the penalties enumerated in subsection (c)(3) of this section.

(5) The overweight penalty for vehicles being operated in excess of one hundred thirty thousand pounds (130,000 lbs.) gross vehicle weight shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) in addition to the penalties enumerated in subsection (c)(3) of this section.

SECTION 7. Section 31-27-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-27 entitled "Motor Vehicle Offenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

31-27-6. Lanes of operation.

(a) Any bus, commercial vehicle, camper, vehicle registered as a camper, trailer, or vehicle carrying a camper or trailer traveling on Rhode Island interstate highways shall be allowed to travel only in the first two (2) right hand lanes, except in cases of left hand exits, in which case the vehicle shall be allowed to enter the third and fourth left hand lanes one mile prior to an exit.

(b) For the purpose of this section, "commercial vehicle" means any vehicle registered for commercial purposes and designed and used primarily for the transportation of goods, wares, or merchandise. "Bus" means any vehicle designed for carrying ten (10) or more passengers and used primarily for the transportation of persons.

(c) The provisions of this section shall only be effective during the period that official traffic signs are in place to notify operators of the provisions of this section. Any persons violating the provisions of this section upon conviction shall be fined not more than ~~eighty five dollars (\$85.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100).

SECTION 8. Sections 31-36-7 and 31-36-20 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-36 entitled "Motor Fuel Tax" are hereby amended to read as follows:

31-36-7. Monthly report of distributors — Payment of tax.

(a) State requirements. Every distributor shall, on or before the twentieth (20th) day of each month, render a report to the tax administrator, upon forms to be obtained from the tax administrator, of the amount (number of gallons) of fuels purchased, sold, or used by the distributor within this state and the amount of fuels sold by the distributor without this state from fuels within this state during the preceding calendar month, and, if required by the tax administrator as to purchases, the name or names of the person or persons from whom purchased and the date and amount of each purchase, and as to sales, the name or names of the person or persons to whom sold and the amount of each sale, and shall pay at the same time to the administrator tax at the rate of

1 ~~thirty two cents (\$0.32)~~ forty cents (\$0.40) per gallon on all taxable gallons of fuel sold or used in
2 this state.

3 (b) Federal requirements. In the event the federal government requires a certain portion of
4 the gasoline tax to be dedicated for highway improvements, then the state controller is directed to
5 establish a restricted receipt account and deposit that portion of gasoline tax receipts which brings
6 the state into federal compliance.

7 Beginning July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2025, and every other year thereafter, the gasoline
8 tax shall be adjusted by the percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban
9 Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics determined as of
10 September 30 of the prior calendar year; said adjustment shall be rounded to the nearest one cent
11 (\$.01) increment, provided that the total tax shall not be less than provided for in section (a).

12 Beginning July 1, 2027, and every other year thereafter, the gasoline tax shall be adjusted
13 by the percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as
14 published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the
15 two (2) prior calendar years; said adjustment shall be rounded to the nearest one cent (\$0.01)
16 increment; provided that, the total tax shall not be less than provided for in subsection (a).

17 **31-36-20. Disposition of proceeds.**

18 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, all moneys paid into the
19 general treasury under the provisions of this chapter or chapter 37 of this title, and title 46 shall be
20 applied to and held in a separate fund and be deposited in any depositories that may be selected by
21 the general treasurer to the credit of the fund, which fund shall be known as the Intermodal Surface
22 Transportation Fund; provided, that in fiscal year 2004 for the months of July through April six and
23 eighty-five hundredth cents (\$0.0685) per gallon of the tax imposed and accruing for the liability
24 under the provisions of § 31-36-7, less refunds and credits, shall be transferred to the Rhode Island
25 public transit authority as provided under § 39-18-21. For the months of May and June in fiscal
26 year 2004, the allocation shall be five and five hundredth cents (\$0.0505). Thereafter, until fiscal
27 year 2006, the allocation shall be six and twenty-five hundredth cents (\$0.0625). For fiscal years
28 2006 through FY 2008, the allocation shall be seven and twenty-five hundredth cents (\$0.0725);
29 provided, that expenditures shall include the costs of a market survey of non-transit users and a
30 management study of the agency to include the feasibility of moving the Authority into the
31 Department of Transportation, both to be conducted under the auspices of the state budget officer.
32 The state budget officer shall hire necessary consultants to perform the studies, and shall direct
33 payment by the Authority. Both studies shall be transmitted by the Budget Officer to the 2006
34 session of the General Assembly, with comments from the Authority. For fiscal year 2009, the

1 allocation shall be seven and seventy-five hundredth cents (\$0.0775), of which one-half cent
2 (\$0.005) shall be derived from the one cent (\$0.01) per gallon environmental protection fee
3 pursuant to § 46-12.9-11. For fiscal years 2010 ~~and thereafter~~ through FY 2025, the allocation shall
4 be nine and seventy-five hundredth cents (\$0.0975), of which of one-half cent (\$0.005) shall be
5 derived from the one cent (\$0.01) per gallon environmental protection fee pursuant to § 46-12.9-
6 11. For fiscal years 2026 and thereafter, the allocation shall be eleven and seventy-five hundredths
7 cents (\$0.1175) of which one-half cent (\$0.005) shall be derived from the one cent (\$0.01) per
8 gallon environmental protection fee pursuant to § 46-12.9-11. One cent (\$0.01) per gallon shall be
9 transferred to the Elderly/Disabled Transportation Program of the department of human services,
10 and the remaining cents per gallon shall be available for general revenue as determined by the
11 following schedule:

12 (i) For the fiscal year 2000, three and one-fourth cents (\$0.0325) shall be available for
13 general revenue.

14 (ii) For the fiscal year 2001, one and three-fourth cents (\$0.0175) shall be available for
15 general revenue.

16 (iii) For the fiscal year 2002, one-fourth cent (\$0.0025) shall be available for general
17 revenue.

18 (iv) For the fiscal year 2003, two and one-fourth cent (\$0.0225) shall be available for
19 general revenue.

20 (v) For the months of July through April in fiscal year 2004, one and four-tenths cents
21 (\$0.014) shall be available for general revenue. For the months of May through June in fiscal year
22 2004, three and two-tenths cents (\$0.032) shall be available for general revenue, and thereafter,
23 until fiscal year 2006, two cents (\$0.02) shall be available for general revenue. For fiscal year 2006
24 through fiscal year 2009 one cent (\$0.01) shall be available for general revenue.

25 (2) All deposits and transfers of funds made by the tax administrator under this section,
26 including those to the Rhode Island public transit authority, the department of human services, the
27 Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority, and the general fund, shall be made within twenty-four
28 (24) hours of receipt or previous deposit of the funds in question.

29 (3) Commencing in fiscal year 2004, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of
30 Transportation is authorized to remit, on a monthly or less frequent basis as shall be determined by
31 the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, or his or her designee, or at the
32 election of the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, with the approval of the
33 Director of the Department of Administration, to an indenture trustee, administrator, or other third
34 party fiduciary, in an amount not to exceed two cents (\$0.02) per gallon of the gas tax imposed, in

1 order to satisfy debt service payments on aggregate bonds issued pursuant to a Joint Resolution and
2 Enactment Approving the Financing of Various Department of Transportation Projects adopted
3 during the 2003 session of the General Assembly, and approved by the Governor.

4 (4) Commencing in fiscal year 2015, three and one-half cents (\$0.035) shall be transferred
5 to the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority to be used for maintenance, operations, capital
6 expenditures and debt service on any of its projects as defined in chapter 12 of title 24 in lieu of a
7 toll on the Sakonnet River Bridge. The Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority is authorized to
8 remit to an indenture trustee, administrator, or other third-party fiduciary any or all of the foregoing
9 transfers in order to satisfy and/or secure its revenue bonds and notes and/or debt service payments
10 thereon, including, but not limited to, the bonds and notes issued pursuant to the Joint Resolution
11 set forth in Section 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 23 of the Public Laws of 2010. Notwithstanding any
12 other provision of said Joint Resolution, the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority is expressly
13 authorized to issue bonds and notes previously authorized under said Joint Resolution for the
14 purpose of financing all expenses incurred by it for the formerly authorized tolling of the Sakonnet
15 River Bridge and the termination thereof.

16 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, all other funds in the fund
17 shall be dedicated to the department of transportation, subject to annual appropriation by the general
18 assembly. The director of transportation shall submit to the general assembly, budget office and
19 office of the governor annually an accounting of all amounts deposited in and credited to the fund
20 together with a budget for proposed expenditures for the succeeding fiscal year in compliance with
21 §§ 35-3-1 and 35-3-4. On order of the director of transportation, the state controller is authorized
22 and directed to draw his or her orders upon the general treasurer for the payments of any sum or
23 portion of the sum that may be required from time to time upon receipt of properly authenticated
24 vouchers.

25 (c) At any time the amount of the fund is insufficient to fund the expenditures of the
26 department of transportation, not to exceed the amount authorized by the general assembly, the
27 general treasurer is authorized, with the approval of the governor and the director of administration,
28 in anticipation of the receipts of monies enumerated in this section to advance sums to the fund, for
29 the purposes specified in this section, any funds of the state not specifically held for any particular
30 purpose. However, all the advances made to the fund shall be returned to the general fund
31 immediately upon the receipt by the fund of proceeds resulting from the receipt of monies to the
32 extent of the advances.

33 SECTION 9. Section 31-36.1-17 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-36.1 entitled "Fuel
34 Use Reporting Law" is hereby amended to read as follows:

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1	Section of		Total
2	General Laws		Fine
3	8-8.2-2	DOT, DEM, or other agency and department violations	\$85.00 <u>100.00</u>
4	24-10-17	Soliciting rides in motor vehicles	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
5	24-10-18	Backing up prohibited	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
6	24-10-19	Advertising motor vehicle for sale on state highways	100.00
7	24-10-20	Park and ride lots	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
8	24-12-37	Nonpayment of toll	100.00
9	31-3-12	Visibility of plates	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
10	31-3-18	Display of plates	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
11	31-3-32	Driving with expired registration	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
12	31-3-34	Failure to notify division of change of address	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
13	31-3-35	Notice of change of name	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
14	31-3-40	Temporary plates – dealer issued	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
15	31-4-3	Temporary registration – twenty-day (20) bill of sale	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
16	31-10-10	Rules as to armed forces license	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
17	31-10-30	Driving on expired license	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
18	31-10-32	Notice of change of address	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
19	31-10.1-4	No motorcycle helmet (operator)	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
20	31-10.1-5	Motorcycle handlebar violation	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
21	31-10.1-6	No motorcycle helmet (passenger)	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
22	31-10.1-7	Inspection of motorcycle required	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
23	31-12-12	Local motor vehicle ordinance	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
24	31-13-4	Obedience to devices	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
25	31-13-6(3)(i)	Eluding traffic light	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
26	31-13-9	Flashing signals	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
27	31-13-11	Injury to signs or devices	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
28	31-14-1	Reasonable and prudent speed	95.00
29	31-14-3	Condition requiring reduced speed	95.00
30	31-14-9	Below minimum speed	95.00
31	31-14-12	Speed limit on bridges and structures	95.00
32	31-15-1	Leaving lane of travel	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
33	31-15-2	Slow traffic to right	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
34	31-15-3	Operator left of center	85.00 <u>100.00</u>

1	31-15-4	Overtaking on left	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
2	31-15-5(a)	Overtaking on right	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
3	31-15-6	Clearance for overtaking	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
4	31-15-7	Places where overtaking prohibited	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
5	31-15-8	No passing zone	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
6	31-15-9	One way highways	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
7	31-15-10	Rotary traffic islands	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
8	31-15-11	Laned roadway violation	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
9	31-15-12	Following too closely	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
10	31-15-12.1	Entering intersection	100.00
11	31-15-13	Crossing center section of divided highway	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
12	31-15-14	Entering or leaving limited access roadways	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
13	31-15-16	Use of emergency break-down lane for travel	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
14	31-15-17	Crossing bicycle lane	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
15	31-15-18	Unsafe passing of person operating a bicycle	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
16	31-16-1	Care in starting from stop	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
17	31-16-2	Manner of turning at intersection	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
18	31-16-4	U turn where prohibited	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
19	31-16-5	Turn signal required	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
20	31-16-6	Time of signaling turn	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
21	31-16-7	Failure to give stop signal	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
22	31-16-8	Method of giving signals	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
23	31-16.1-3	Diesel vehicle idling rules first offense not to exceed	100.00
24		second and subsequent offense not to exceed	500.00
25	31-17-1	Failure to yield right of way	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
26	31-17-2	Vehicle turning left	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
27	31-17-3	Yield right of way (intersection)	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
28	31-17-4	Obedience to stop signs	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
29	31-17-5	Entering from private road or driveway	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
30	31-17-8	Vehicle within right of way, rotary	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
31	31-17-9	Yielding to bicycles on bicycle lane	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
32	31-18-3	Right of way in crosswalks first violation	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
33		second violation or any subsequent violation	\$100.00
34	31-18-5	Crossing other than at crosswalks	85.00 <u>100.00</u>

1	31-18-8	Due care by drivers	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
2	31-18-12	Hitchhiking	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
3	31-18-18	Right of way on sidewalks	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
4	31-19-3	Traffic laws applied to bicycles	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
5	31-19-20	Sale of new bicycles	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
6	31-19-21	Sale of used bicycles	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
7	31-19.1-2	Operating motorized bicycle on an interstate highway	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
8	31-19.2-2	Operating motorized tricycle on an interstate highway	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
9	31-20-1	Failure to stop at railroad crossing	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
10	31-20-2	Driving through railroad gate	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
11	31-20-9	Obedience to stop sign	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
12	31-21-4	Places where parking or stopping prohibited	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
13	31-21-14	Opening of vehicle doors	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
14	31-21-18	Electric vehicle charging station restriction	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
15	31-22-2	Improper backing up	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
16	31-22-4	Overloading vehicle	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
17	31-22-5	Violation of safety zone	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
18	31-22-6	Coasting	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
19	31-22-7	Following fire apparatus	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
20	31-22-8	Crossing fire hose	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
21	31-22-9	Throwing debris on highway – snow removal	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
22	31-22-11.5	Improper use of school bus – not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500)	
23		for each day of improper use	
24	31-22-22(a)	No child restraint	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
25	31-22-22(a)	Child restraint/seat belt but not in any rear seating position	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
26	31-22-22(b), (f)	No seat belt – passenger	40.00
27	31-22-22(g)	No seat belt – operator	40.00
28	31-22-23	Tow trucks – proper identification	275.00
29	31-22-24	Operation of interior lights	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
30	31-23-1(b)(2)	U.S. department of transportation motor carrier safety rules	
31		and regulations	Not less than 85.00 <u>100.00</u>
32			or more than \$500.00
33	31-23-1(e)(6)	Removal of an “out of service vehicle” sticker	125.00
34	31-23-1(e)(7)	Operation of an “out of service vehicle”	100.00

1	31-23-2(b)	Installation or adjustment of unsafe or prohibited parts,	
2		equipment, or accessories:	
3		(first offense)	250.00
4		(second offense)	500.00
5		(third and subsequent offenses)	1,000.00
6	31-23-4	Brake equipment required	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
7	31-23-8	Horn required	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
8	31-23-10	Sirens prohibited	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
9	31-23-13	Muffler required	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
10	31-23-13.1	Altering height or operating a motor vehicle with an	
11		altered height	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
12	31-23-14	Prevention of excessive fumes or smoke	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
13	31-23-16	Windshield and window stickers (visibility)	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
14	31-23-17	Windshield wipers	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
15	31-23-19	Metal tires prohibited	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
16	31-23-20	Protuberances on tires	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
17	31-23-26	Fenders and wheel flaps required	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
18	31-23-27	Rear wheel flaps on buses, trucks, and trailers	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
19	31-23-29	Flares or red flag required over four thousand pounds	
20		(4,000 lbs.)	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
21	31-23-40	Approved types of seat belt requirements	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
22	31-23-42.1	Special mirror – school bus	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
23	31-23-43	Chocks required (1 pair) – over four thousand pounds	
24		(4,000 lbs.)	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
25	31-23-45	Tire treads – defective tires	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
26	31-23-47	Slow moving emblem required	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
27	31-23-49	Transportation of gasoline – passenger vehicle	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
28	31-23-51	Operating bike or motor vehicle wearing ear phones	
29		(first offense)	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
30		second offense	95.00 <u>110.00</u>
31		for the third and each subsequent offense	140.00
32	31-24-1 through		
33	31-24-54	Times when lights required	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
34	31-25-9	Leaking load	85.00 <u>100.00</u>

1	31-25-11	Connections between coupled vehicles	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
2	31-25-12	Towing chain, twelve-inch (12") square flag required	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
3	31-25-12.1	Tow truck – use of lanes	
4		(first offense)	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
5		second offense	95.00 <u>110.00</u>
6		for the third and each subsequent offense	100.00 <u>140.00</u>
7	31-25-17	Identification of trucks and truck-tractors	
8		(first offense)	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
9		(second offense)	95.00 <u>110.00</u>
10		for the third and subsequent offenses	125.00 <u>140.00</u>
11	31-25-24	Carrying and inspection of excess load limit	350.00
12	31-27-2.3	Refusal to take preliminary breath test	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
13	31-28-7(d)	Wrongful use of handicapped parking placard	500.00
14	31-28-7(f)	Handicapped parking space violation:	
15		First offense	100.00
16		Second offense	175.00
17		Third offense and subsequent offenses	325.00
18	31-28-7.1(e)	Wrongful use of institutional handicapped parking	
19		placard	125.00
20	31-33-2	Failure to file accident report	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
21	31-34-2	Proof of insurance – motor vehicle rental	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
22	31-34-3	Operation by person other than lessee	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
23	31-36.1-17	No fuel tax stamp (out-of-state)	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
24		and not exceeding (\$100) for	
25		subsequent offense	
26	31-38-3	No inspection sticker	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
27	31-38-4	Violation of inspection laws	85.00 <u>100.00</u>
28	31-41.3-15	Automated school zone speed enforcement system	50.00
29	31-47.2-6	Heavy-duty vehicle emission inspections:	
30		First offense	125.00
31		Second offense	525.00
32		Third and subsequent offenses	1,025.00
33	37-15-7	Littering	not less than 55.00,
34		not more than five hundred dollars (\$500)	

1 (\$300), nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000). In addition to, or in lieu of, the fine imposed
2 upon a second or subsequent violation of this chapter, the person so convicted may be ordered to
3 pick up litter for not less than four (4), nor more than fifty (50), hours.

4 (c) Jurisdiction to punish violators of the provisions of this chapter is conferred on the
5 traffic tribunal.

6 (d) Any person convicted of a violation of this chapter shall, in addition to all other
7 penalties, be liable for the removal of all litter or ordered to pay restitution for the cost of removal
8 of all litter illegally disposed of by that person. The traffic tribunal may hold the registration of any
9 vehicle owned by the violator and used in the act of littering until the aforementioned liability is
10 satisfied.

11 (e) The funds received by a state law enforcement agency shall be deposited as general
12 revenues; provided, however, that thirty percent (30%) of any fine collected pursuant to a complaint
13 filed by a local law enforcement agency shall inure to the benefit of that agency, with remittances
14 to be made not less often than once every three (3) months.

15 (f) Penalties of ~~eighty-five dollars (\$85.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100) for violations of
16 this section may be disposed of without the necessity of personally appearing before the traffic
17 tribunal. Said penalty may be handled administratively by mailing a check or money order, together
18 with the properly executed form provided, to the appropriate address as set forth in the summons
19 issued by the enforcing agent.

20 SECTION 12. Sections 39-18.1-4 and 39-18.1-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-18.1
21 entitled "Transportation Investment and Debt Reduction Act of 2011" are hereby amended to read
22 as follows:

23 **39-18.1-4. Rhode Island highway maintenance account created.**

24 (a) There is hereby created a special account in the intermodal surface transportation fund
25 as established in § 31-36-20 that is to be known as the Rhode Island highway maintenance account.

26 (b) The fund shall consist of all those moneys that the state may, from time to time, direct
27 to the fund, including, but not necessarily limited to, moneys derived from the following sources:

28 (1) There is imposed a surcharge of ~~thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~ forty dollars (\$40.00) per vehicle
29 or truck, other than those with specific registrations set forth below in subsection (b)(1)(i). Such
30 surcharge shall be paid by each vehicle or truck owner in order to register that owner's vehicle or
31 truck and upon each subsequent biennial registration. This surcharge shall be phased in at the rate
32 of ten dollars (\$10.00) each year. The total surcharge will be ten dollars (\$10.00) from July 1, 2013,
33 through June 30, 2014, twenty dollars (\$20.00) from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, ~~and~~ thirty
34 dollars (\$30.00) from July 1, 2015, through ~~June 30, 2016,~~ December 31, 2025 and forty dollars

1 ~~(\$40.00)~~ from January 1, 2026, and each year thereafter.

2 (i) For owners of vehicles or trucks with the following plate types, the surcharge shall be
3 as set forth below and shall be paid in full in order to register the vehicle or truck and upon each
4 subsequent renewal:

5 Plate Type	Surcharge
6 Antique	\$5.00 <u>10.00</u>
7 Farm	\$10.00 <u>15.00</u>
8 Motorcycle	\$13.00 <u>18.00</u>

9 (ii) For owners of trailers, the surcharge shall be one-half (½) of the biennial registration
10 amount and shall be paid in full in order to register the trailer and upon each subsequent renewal;

11 (2) There is imposed a surcharge of ~~fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00) per
12 vehicle or truck, other than those with specific registrations set forth in subsection (b)(2)(i) below,
13 for those vehicles or trucks subject to annual registration, to be paid annually by each vehicle or
14 truck owner in order to register that owner’s vehicle or truck and upon each subsequent annual
15 registration. This surcharge will be phased in at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) each year through
16 June 30, 2016. The total surcharge will be five dollars (\$5.00) from July 1, 2013, through June 30,
17 2014, ten dollars (\$10.00) from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, ~~and~~ fifteen dollars (\$15.00)
18 from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, and twenty dollars (\$20.00) from January 1, 2026, and
19 each year thereafter.

20 (i) For registrations of the following plate types, the surcharge shall be as set forth below
21 and shall be paid in full in order to register the plate, and upon each subsequent renewal:

22 Plate Type	Surcharge
23 Boat Dealer	\$6.25 <u>11.25</u>
24 Cycle Dealer	\$6.25 <u>11.25</u>
25 In-transit	\$5.00 <u>10.00</u>
26 Manufacturer	\$5.00 <u>10.00</u>
27 New Car Dealer	\$5.00 <u>10.00</u>
28 Used Car Dealer	\$5.00 <u>10.00</u>
29 Racer Tow	\$5.00 <u>10.00</u>
30 Transporter	\$5.00 <u>10.00</u>
31 Bailee	\$5.00 <u>10.00</u>

32 (ii) For owners of trailers, the surcharge shall be one-half (½) of the annual registration
33 amount and shall be paid in full in order to register the trailer and upon each subsequent renewal.

34 (iii) For owners of school buses, the surcharge will be phased in at the rate of six dollars

1 and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) each year. The total surcharge will be six dollars and twenty-five
2 cents (\$6.25) from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, ~~and~~ twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50)
3 from July 1, 2014, through ~~June 30, 2015~~ December 31, 2025, and seventeen dollars and fifty cents
4 (\$17.50) from January 1, 2026, each year thereafter.

5 (3) There is imposed a surcharge of ~~thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~ forty dollars (\$40.00) per license
6 to operate a motor vehicle to be paid every five (5) years by each licensed operator of a motor
7 vehicle. This surcharge will be phased in at the rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) each year. The total
8 surcharge will be ten dollars (\$10.00) from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, twenty dollars
9 (\$20.00) from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, and thirty dollars (\$30.00) from July 1, 2015,
10 through ~~June 30, 2016~~ December 31, 2025, and forty dollars (\$40.00) from January 1, 2026, and
11 each year thereafter. In the event that a license is issued or renewed for a period of less than five
12 (5) years, the surcharge will be prorated according to the period of time the license will be valid;

13 (4) All fees assessed pursuant to § 31-47.1-11, and chapters 3, 6, 10, and 10.1 of title 31,
14 shall be deposited into the Rhode Island highway maintenance account, provided that for fiscal
15 years 2016, 2017, and 2018 these fees be transferred as follows:

16 (i) From July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, twenty-five percent (25%) will be deposited;
17 (ii) From July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, fifty percent (50%) will be deposited;
18 (iii) From July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, sixty percent (60%) will be deposited; and
19 (iv) From July 1, 2018, and each year thereafter, one hundred percent (100%) will be
20 deposited;

21 (5) All remaining funds from previous general obligation bond issues that have not
22 otherwise been allocated.

23 (c) Effective July 1, 2019, ninety-five percent (95%) of all funds collected pursuant to this
24 section shall be deposited in the Rhode Island highway maintenance account and shall be used only
25 for the purposes set forth in this chapter. The remaining funds shall be retained as general revenues
26 to partially offset cost of collections

27 (d) Unexpended balances and any earnings thereon shall not revert to the general fund but
28 shall remain in the Rhode Island highway maintenance account. There shall be no requirement that
29 monies received into the Rhode Island highway maintenance account during any given calendar
30 year or fiscal year be expended during the same calendar year or fiscal year.

31 (e) The Rhode Island highway maintenance account shall be administered by the director,
32 who shall allocate and spend monies from the fund only in accordance with the purposes and
33 procedures set forth in this chapter.

34 **39-18.1-5. Allocation of funds.**

1 (a) The monies in the highway maintenance fund to be directed to the department of
2 transportation pursuant to § 39-18.1-4(b)(1) — (b)(3) shall be allocated through the transportation
3 improvement program process to provide the state match for federal transportation funds, in place
4 of borrowing, as approved by the state planning council. The expenditure of moneys in the highway
5 maintenance fund shall only be authorized for projects that appear in the state's transportation
6 improvement program.

7 (b) Provided, however, that beginning with fiscal year 2015 and annually thereafter, the
8 department of transportation will allocate necessary funding to programs that are designed to
9 eliminate structural deficiencies of the state's bridge, road, and maintenance systems and
10 infrastructure.

11 (c) Provided, ~~further~~, that beginning July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2025, five percent (5%)
12 of available proceeds in the Rhode Island highway maintenance account shall be allocated annually
13 to the Rhode Island public transit authority for operating expenditures.

14 (d) Provided, that beginning July 1, 2025, ten percent (10%) of available proceeds in the
15 Rhode Island highway maintenance account shall be allocated annually to the Rhode Island public
16 transit authority for operating expenditures.

17 ~~(d)(e)~~ (e) Provided, further, that from July 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, in addition to the
18 amount above, the Rhode Island public transit authority shall receive an amount of not less than
19 five million dollars (\$5,000,000) each fiscal year, except for the period July 1, 2019, through June
20 30, 2022, during which such amount or a portion thereof may come from federal coronavirus relief
21 funds.

22 ~~(e) Provided, further, that the Rhode Island public transit authority shall convene a~~
23 ~~coordinating council consisting of those state agencies responsible for meeting the needs of low-~~
24 ~~income seniors and persons with disabilities, along with those stakeholders that the authority deems~~
25 ~~appropriate and are necessary to inform, develop, and implement the federally required coordinated~~
26 ~~public transit human services transportation plan.~~

27 ~~The council shall develop, as part of the state's federally required plan, recommendations~~
28 ~~for the appropriate and sustainable funding of the free fare program for low-income seniors and~~
29 ~~persons with disabilities, while maximizing the use of federal funds available to support the~~
30 ~~transportation needs of this population.~~

31 ~~The council shall report these recommendations to the governor, the speaker of the house~~
32 ~~of representatives, and the president of the senate no later than November 1, 2018.~~

33 SECTION 13. Section 44-34.1-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-34.1 entitled "Motor
34 Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax Elimination Act of 1998" is hereby amended to read as follows:

1 **44-34.1-2. City, town, and fire district reimbursement.**

2 (a) In fiscal years 2024 and thereafter, cities, towns, and fire districts shall receive
3 reimbursements, as set forth in this section, from state general revenues equal to the amount of lost
4 tax revenue due to the phase out of the excise tax. When the tax is phased out, cities, towns, and
5 fire districts shall receive a permanent distribution of sales tax revenue pursuant to § 44-18-18 in
6 an amount equal to any lost revenue resulting from the excise tax elimination.

7 (b)(1) In fiscal year 2024, cities, towns, and fire districts shall receive the following
8 reimbursement amounts:

9	Barrington	\$ 5,894,822
10	Bristol	\$ 2,905,818
11	Burrillville	\$ 5,053,933
12	Central Falls	\$ 2,077,974
13	Charlestown	\$ 1,020,877
14	Coventry	\$ 5,872,396
15	Cranston	\$ 22,312,247
16	Cumberland	\$ 6,073,469
17	East Greenwich	\$ 2,417,332
18	East Providence	\$ 11,433,479
19	Exeter	\$ 2,241,381
20	Foster	\$ 1,652,251
21	Glocester	\$ 2,381,941
22	Hopkinton	\$ 1,629,259
23	Jamestown	\$ 622,793
24	Johnston	\$ 10,382,785
25	Lincoln	\$ 5,683,015
26	Little Compton	\$ 366,775
27	Middletown	\$ 1,976,448
28	Narragansett	\$ 1,831,251
29	Newport	\$ 2,223,671
30	New Shoreham	\$ 163,298
31	North Kingstown	\$ 5,378,818
32	North Providence	\$ 9,619,286
33	North Smithfield	\$ 4,398,531
34	Pawtucket	\$ 16,495,506

1	Portsmouth	\$ 2,414,242
2	Providence	\$ 34,131,596
3	Richmond	\$ 1,448,455
4	Scituate	\$ 1,977,127
5	Smithfield	\$ 7,098,694
6	South Kingstown	\$ 3,930,455
7	Tiverton	\$ 1,748,175
8	Warren	\$ 2,090,911
9	Warwick	\$ 25,246,254
10	Westerly	\$ 5,765,523
11	West Greenwich	\$ 1,331,725
12	West Warwick	\$ 5,673,744
13	Woonsocket	\$ 9,324,776
14	Lime Rock Fire District	\$ 133,933
15	Lincoln Fire District	\$ 208,994
16	Manville Fire District	\$ 64,862
17	Quinnville Fire District	\$ 13,483

18 (2) In fiscal year 2024, funds shall be distributed to the cities, towns, and fire districts as

19 follows:

20 (i) On August 1, 2023, twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds.

21 (ii) On November 1, 2023, twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds.

22 (iii) On February 1, 2024, twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds.

23 (iv) On May 1, 2024, twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds.

24 The funds shall be distributed to each city, town, and fire district in the same proportion as

25 distributed in fiscal year 2023.

26 (3) For the city of East Providence, the payment schedule is twenty-five percent (25%) on

27 November 1, 2023, twenty-five percent (25%) on February 1, 2024, twenty-five percent (25%) on

28 May 1, 2024, and twenty-five percent (25%) on August 1, 2024.

29 (4) On any of the payment dates specified in subsections (b)(2)(i) through (b)(2)(iv), ~~or~~

30 (b)(3), or (d) of this section, the director of revenue is authorized to deduct previously made over-

31 payments or add supplemental payments as may be required to bring the reimbursements into full

32 compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

33 (c) When the tax is phased out to August 1, of the following fiscal year the director of

34 revenue shall calculate to the nearest thousandth of one cent (\$0.00001) the number of cents of

1 sales tax received for the fiscal year ending June 30, of the year following the phase-out equal to
2 the amount of funds distributed to the cities, towns, and fire districts under this chapter during the
3 fiscal year following the phase-out and the percent of the total funds distributed in the fiscal year
4 following the phase-out received by each city, town, and fire district, calculated to the nearest one-
5 hundredth of one percent (0.01%). The director of the department of revenue shall transmit those
6 calculations to the governor, the speaker of the house, the president of the senate, the chairperson
7 of the house finance committee, the chairperson of the senate finance committee, the house fiscal
8 advisor, and the senate fiscal advisor. The number of cents, applied to the sales taxes received for
9 the prior fiscal year, shall be the basis for determining the amount of sales tax to be distributed to
10 the cities, towns, and fire districts under this chapter for the second fiscal year following the phase-
11 out and each year thereafter. The cities, towns, and fire districts shall receive that amount of sales
12 tax in the proportions calculated by the director of revenue as that received in the fiscal year
13 following the phase-out, [subject to a maximum two percentage point increase from the previous](#)
14 [fiscal year.](#)

15 (d) In fiscal years 2025 and thereafter, twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds shall be
16 distributed to the cities, towns, and fire districts on August 1, 2024, and every August 1 thereafter;
17 twenty-five percent (25%) shall be distributed on November 1, 2024, and every November 1
18 thereafter; twenty-five percent (25%) shall be distributed on February 1, 2025, and every February
19 1 thereafter; and twenty-five percent (25%) shall be distributed on May 1, 2025, and every May 1
20 thereafter.

21 (e) [Deleted by P.L. 2024, ch. 400, § 1 and P.L. 2024, ch. 401, § 1.]

22 SECTION 14. Sections 1 and 13 shall take effect upon passage. Sections 3 through 7 and
23 sections 9 through 11 shall take effect upon passage and shall apply to offenses committed on July
24 1, 2025 and thereafter. Sections 8 and 12 shall take effect on July 1, 2025. Section 2 shall take
25 effect upon January 1, 2026.