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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, Gallo, Tikoian, Urso, Euer, Bissaillon, Appollonio,
Dimitri, Thompson, and Zurier

Date Introduced: January 31, 2025

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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 **31-3-130. Special plate for the American Hellenic Educational Progressive**
4 **Association.**

5 (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available
6 special motor vehicle registration plates for the American Hellenic Educational Progressive
7 Association. The plates shall be designed to reference the American Hellenic Educational
8 Progressive Association.

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 certificate
13 for the plates shall be carried in the vehicle in accordance with § 31-3-9. The registration certificate
14 shall be in effect for the special plate.

15 (c) The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association motor vehicle plates shall
16 be the same size as regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed by the American Hellenic
17 Educational Progressive Association in conjunction with the division of motor vehicles, with the
18 design approved by the Rhode Island state police.

19 (d) The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association plates shall be subject to

1 compliance with § 31-3-117 relating to the number of minimum prepaid orders of plates per plate
2 type (i.e., passenger, commercial, etc.) and any required payment. The American Hellenic
3 Educational Progressive Association plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order
4 requirements are met. The initial order will be handled by the American Hellenic Educational
5 Progressive Association and shall not be submitted to the division of motor vehicles for production
6 until the minimum order(s) have been met and the proper paper work submitted to the division.

7 (e) The administrator of motor vehicles shall develop prepayment procedures and any other
8 procedures deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

9 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, American Hellenic
10 Educational Progressive Association 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 the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association to
15 promote the ancient Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, family, and
16 individual excellence through community service and volunteerism.

17 (h) A ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated
18 to the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.

19 (i) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of American Hellenic
20 Educational Progressive Association plates, the American Hellenic Educational Progressive
21 Association must use any Rhode Island-sourced funds in and for the benefit of Rhode Island-based
22 charitable organizations.

23 (j) American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association will be required to submit an
24 annual accounting report before such monies are distributed.

25 (k) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of American Hellenic Educational
26 Progressive Association plates.

27 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect six (6) months after passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would empower the division of motor vehicles to make available special motor
- 2 vehicle registration plates for the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.
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