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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senators Jabour, Lombardo, Lombardi, Cool Rumsey, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: February 27, 2014

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 **31-3-101. Special plate for Rhode Island colleges and universities.** -- (a) The
4 administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available special motor
5 vehicle registration plates for passenger vehicles based upon the various nonprofit entities Brown
6 University, Bryant University, Community College of Rhode Island, Johnson & Wales
7 University, New England Institute of Technology, Providence College, Rhode Island College,
8 Rhode Island School of Design, Roger Williams University, Salve Regina University and/or the
9 University of Rhode Island for any motor vehicle eligible for registration as an automobile or
10 commercial vehicle having a gross weight of ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.) or less.

11 (b) The special plate(s) shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned to
12 the vehicle for which it was issued and shall be used in place of and in the same manner as the
13 registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration plates for the vehicle shall be
14 removed from the vehicle and the registration certificate for the plates shall be carried in the
15 vehicle, in accordance with § 31-3-9. The registration certificate shall be in effect for the special
16 plate. The administrator shall be authorized to retain newly issued plate numbers, at his or her
17 discretion, for the purpose of conducting auctions of the right to use and display those numbers
18 under such terms and conditions as the administrator may permit. Auction proceeds shall be
19 apportioned and distributed to each respective institution whose plates have been issued, in the

1 discretion of the administrator, in accordance with such agreements as may be entered into those
2 entities holding ownership rights to the logos. The administrator is hereby authorized to enter into
3 agreements for the use of logos on Rhode Island registration plates.

4 (c) The respective college and university motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as
5 regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed in conjunction with the division of motor
6 vehicles, with design approval by the Rhode Island State Police.

7 (d) Each college or university plate shall be subject to a minimum prepaid order of at
8 least nine hundred (900) plates per institution. A college or university plate shall not be issued
9 unless the minimum order requirements are met by the requesting institution. The initial order
10 will be handled by each individual college or university and shall not be submitted to the division
11 of motor vehicles for production until the minimum order has been met and the proper paperwork
12 submitted to the division. Subsequent college or university plate orders will be handled by the
13 division of motor vehicles.

14 (e) The administrator of motor vehicles shall develop application forms, prepayment
15 procedures and any other procedures deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

16 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, college or
17 university plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

18 (g) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty
19 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)
20 shall be distributed annually to the respective college or university as a nonprofit educational
21 institution based in Rhode Island.

22 (h) A ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration the respective college or
23 university.

24 (i) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of college or university plates.

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

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