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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES

Introduced By: Senator Melissa A. Murray

Date Introduced: March 22, 2024

Referred To: Senate Finance

(Emergency Management Agency)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **31-6-6. Vehicles exempt from fees.**

4 (a) No registration fee is required for the registration of motor-driven equipment owned by  
5 the following:

- 6 (1) American Legion bloodmobile;
- 7 (2) American National Red Cross or any of its chapters within this state;
- 8 (3) American Red Cross, Jamestown chapter ambulance;
- 9 (4) American Red Cross, Tiverton chapter ambulance;
- 10 (5) American Red Cross, Warwick chapter ambulances;
- 11 (6) Animal Rescue League of Southern Rhode Island truck used for rescue work;
- 12 (7) Burrillville Ambulance Corps ambulance;
- 13 (8) Burrillville American Legion Post No. 17 ambulances;
- 14 (9) Civil Air Patrol, Rhode Island wing motor vehicle equipment;
- 15 (10) East Greenwich Ambulance Association ambulances;
- 16 (11) East Greenwich American Legion Post No. 15 (incorporated February 20, 1933)  
17 ambulances;
- 18 (12) East Tiverton Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Squad of Tiverton (a non-business  
19 corporation, incorporated February 16, 1955) equipment, that motor vehicle being a rescue truck

1 equipped with resuscitators, underwater equipment, emergency lighting units with generators, and  
2 various other devices needed to effect rescue and save lives and property under any emergency and  
3 used for this purpose only;

4 (13) Foster Ambulance Association ambulances;

5 (14) Georgiaville Volunteer Fire Company, Smithfield town ambulance;

6 (15) Glocester Ambulance Corps, Inc. ambulance;

7 (16) Hianloland Farms Fire Engine Company of West Greenwich RI, (a non-business  
8 corporation, incorporated November 15, 1940) equipment;

9 (17) Hope Valley Ambulance Squad, Inc., ambulances and rescue trucks;

10 (18) Hope Valley volunteer fire company ambulances;

11 (19) Hope Valley volunteer fire company crash-truck;

12 (20) Hospital ambulances;

13 (21) Johnston Hose Company No. 1 ambulance;

14 (22) Johnston Hose Company No. 3 ambulance;

15 (23) Lake Mishnock Volunteer Fire Company Rescue Squad, West Greenwich, Rhode  
16 Island;

17 (24) Le Baron C. Colt Memorial Ambulance, Inc. (with plates designated "car 5,"  
18 providing ambulance service to any resident of the town of Bristol, incorporated October 17, 1923,  
19 as a charitable corporation) ambulance;

20 (25) Narragansett Rescue Corps, Inc., ambulance;

21 (26) North Kingstown Ambulance Association, Inc. (incorporated July 23, 1943, as a  
22 charitable corporation) ambulance;

23 (27) North Providence Chamber of Commerce Ambulance Service, Inc. (incorporated  
24 March 15, 1947, as a charitable corporation) ambulance;

25 (28) North Smithfield Ambulance Association ambulances;

26 (29) North Smithfield Ambulance and Rescue Association rescue wagon and rescue boat  
27 trailer;

28 (30) Northern Lincoln Volunteer Ambulance Corps ambulance;

29 (31) Northern Rhode Island Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Teams (REACT) rescue  
30 truck and other emergency vehicles;

31 (32) Public health league or district nursing association in any city or town in this state;

32 (33) Rhode Island American Legion, (incorporated January 29, 1941) first district  
33 ambulance committee of the department ambulances;

34 (34) Seven Hills Rhode Island;

- 1 (35) Perspectives Corporation;
- 2 (36) Frank Olean Center;
- 3 (37) Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' motor vehicles;
- 4 (38) Rhode Island Lions Sight Foundation, Inc., vehicle;
- 5 (39) Rhode Island state departments' or agencies' motor vehicles, trailers, or semi-trailers;
- 6 (40) Roy Carpenter's beach volunteer fire department, Matunuck ambulance;
- 7 (41) Salvation Army of Providence emergency canteen vehicle;
- 8 (42) Scituate Ambulance and Rescue Corps ambulances;
- 9 (43) South County Ambulance Corps, Inc. (incorporated October 28, 1939, as a charitable
- 10 corporation) ambulance;
- 11 (44) South Foster Volunteer Fire Department No. 1 ambulances;
- 12 (45) United States government motor vehicles;
- 13 (46) United States government-accredited motor vehicles owned by a representative of a
- 14 foreign country;
- 15 (47) United States mail rural free delivery driver-owned vehicles. This exemption applies
- 16 to the particular motor vehicle used in carrying that mail, and not to persons or concerns contracting
- 17 to carry the United States mail. The words "United States mail" must be plainly printed on two (2)
- 18 sides of that vehicle;
- 19 (48) Veterans of Foreign Wars bloodmobile;
- 20 (49) Veterans of Foreign Wars, Harold F. Flynn Post No. 263, Woonsocket ambulance;
- 21 (50) Volunteer ambulance or rescue corps ambulance or rescue vehicle of a city or town
- 22 used in transporting sick or injured patients;
- 23 (51) Westerly Ambulance Corps boat-trailer;
- 24 (52) Westerly Ambulance Corps crash-truck; and
- 25 (53) Westerly Ambulance Corps ambulances.
- 26 (b) Each owner may be required to pay the cost price of the number plates or markers
- 27 required to be displayed on its vehicle.
- 28 [\(54\) Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Inc. \(incorporated on January 24,](#)
- 29 [2002, as a domestic nonprofit corporation\) motor vehicles and trailers.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This amendment would exempt the Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Inc.
- 2    from payment of certain vehicles registration fees.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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