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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senators Felag, Sosnowski, P Fogarty, and Kettle

Date Introduced: May 10, 2016

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-3-31 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration
2 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-3-31. Registration of farm vehicles.** -- (a) Farm vehicles, as defined in § 31-1-8,
4 equipped with rubber tires while being used in farming and operated on highways shall be
5 registered on a form furnished by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles and shall be
6 assigned a special number plate with a suitable symbol or letter indicating the usage of the farm
7 vehicle.

8 (b) The director of the department of revenue shall promulgate rules and regulations for
9 the inspection of farm vehicles.

10 (c) Farm plates may not be utilized on: (1) vehicles eligible for registration as private
11 passenger automobiles; provided, however, that any vehicle eligible for registration as a private
12 passenger and registered with farm plates prior to July 1, 2002, may continue to be registered
13 with farm plates by the owner to whom the farm plates were issued; or (2) on any vehicle that is
14 not a farm vehicle as defined in § 31-1-8.

15 (d) Farm plates may be displayed on vehicles used in the delivery of agricultural
16 products produced by the farmer; however, farm plates shall not be displayed on vehicles used for
17 deliveries by persons, as defined in § 31-1-17(g), that do not raise agricultural products.

18 (e) Any farm vehicle, as defined in §31-1-8, which is covered by an insurance policy
19 applicable to farm property and operations and that includes liability coverage, shall be deemed to

1 [have liability insurance as required by §31-3-3\(c\) and to meet liability insurance requirements set](#)
2 [forth in this title as long as such a policy is in effect. Documentation of such insurance, including](#)
3 [the name of the carrier, policy, number, and effective date, may be required by the division for](#)
4 [the registration of said vehicle and for the renewal of such registration.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that a farm vehicle covered by an insurance policy on farm
2 property and operations, and which policy includes liability coverage, shall be deemed to have
3 met the liability insurance requirement for motor vehicles as provided in Chapter 31-3.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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