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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017**

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Serpa, Winfield, Solomon, Canario, and Costantino

Date Introduced: February 08, 2017

Referred To: House Finance

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           **31-3-112. Special plate for the Ocean State Animal Coalition.**

4           (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available a  
5 special motor vehicle registration plate for the Ocean State Animal Coalition.

6           (b) The special plate shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned to the  
7 vehicle for which it was issued, and shall be used in place of, and in the same manner as the  
8 registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration plates for the vehicle shall be  
9 removed from the vehicle and returned to the division of motor vehicles. The registration  
10 certificate for the plates shall be carried in the vehicle, in accordance with §31-3-9. The  
11 registration certificate shall be in effect for the special plate.

12           (c) The Ocean State Animal Coalition motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as  
13 regular motor vehicle plates, and shall be designed in conjunction with the division of motor  
14 vehicles, with the design approved by the Rhode Island state police.

15           (d) The Ocean State Animal Coalition motor vehicle plates shall be subject to a minimum  
16 pre-paid order of at least nine hundred (900) sets of plates per plate type. The Ocean State Animal  
17 Coalition plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order requirements are met. The initial  
18 order shall be handled by the Ocean State Animal Coalition, and shall not be submitted to the  
19 division of motor vehicles for production until the minimum order(s) have been met, and the

1 proper paperwork submitted to the division.

2 (e) The administrator shall develop prepayment procedures and any other procedures  
3 deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

4 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, the Ocean State  
5 Animal Coalition motor vehicle plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40) issuance surcharge.

6 (g) The forty dollar (\$40) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty dollars  
7 (\$20) shall be allocated to the general fund, and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20) shall be  
8 distributed annually to the Ocean State Animal Coalition in furtherance of its mission to improve  
9 the status and well-being of animals in Rhode Island, including subsidizing spay and neuter  
10 services for cats and dogs.

11 (h) The Ocean State Animal Coalition shall distribute the funds it receives as referenced  
12 in subsection (g) of this section to Rhode Island-based municipal animal shelters and other  
13 humane organizations pursuant to procedures developed in accordance with subsection (e) of this  
14 section.

15 (i) The Ocean State Animal Coalition shall be required to submit an annual accounting  
16 report before such monies are distributed.

17 (j) A ten dollar (\$10) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated to  
18 the Ocean State Animal Coalition.

19 (k) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of Ocean State Animal Coalition  
20 motor vehicle plates.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would create the Ocean State Animal Coalition motor vehicle plate to help raise  
2 revenue and subsidize spay and neuter services for cats and dogs.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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