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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--  
GASPEE DAY COMMITTEE

Introduced By: Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, and Calkin

Date Introduced: February 16, 2017

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           **31-3-112. Special plate for Gaspee Days Committee.**

4           (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available  
5 special motor vehicle registration plates for the Gaspee Days Committee (hereafter referred to as  
6 "the Gaspee Days committee"). The plates shall be designed to reference the Gaspee Days  
7 committee.

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

14           (c) The Gaspee Days committee motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as regular  
15 motor vehicle plates and shall be designed by the Gaspee Days committee, in conjunction with  
16 the division of motor vehicles, with design approval by the Rhode Island state police.

17           (d) The Gaspee Days committee plates shall be subject to a minimum prepaid order of at  
18 least nine hundred (900) sets of plates per plate type (i.e. passenger, commercial, etc.). The

1 Gaspee Days committee plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order(s) requirements are  
2 met. The initial order will be handled by the Gaspee Days committee and shall not be submitted  
3 to the division of motor vehicles for production until the minimum order(s) have been met and the  
4 proper paperwork submitted to the division.

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

7 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, the Gaspee Days  
8 committee plates shall be subject to a forty-dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

9 (g) The forty-dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: Twenty  
10 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)  
11 shall be distributed annually to the Gaspee Days committee in furtherance of its mission.

12 (h) A ten-dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated  
13 to the Gaspee Days committee.

14 (i) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of the Gaspee Days  
15 plates, the foundation must use any Rhode Island sourced funds, in, and for the benefit of, Rhode  
16 Island-based charitable organizations.

17 (j) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of Gaspee Days committee plates.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1 This act would create a special fundraising license plate for the Gaspee Days committee.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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