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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--  
COMBINATION PLATES

Introduced By: Senator P Fogarty

Date Introduced: September 19, 2017

Referred To: Placed on Senate Calendar

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 31-3-64 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration  
2 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **31-3-64. Combination plates.**

4           (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles shall issue:

5           (1) For any motor vehicle eligible for registration as a commercial vehicle having a gross  
6 weight of eight thousand eight hundred pounds (8,800 lbs.) or less, plates designated as  
7 "combination" upon application and proper form furnished by the administrator of the division of  
8 motor vehicles to applicants. The combination plates will allow those vehicles to drive for both  
9 commercial and pleasure purposes; or

10          (2) For any motor vehicle eligible for registration as a commercial vehicle having a gross  
11 weight over eight thousand eight hundred pounds (8,800 lbs.) up to ~~eleven thousand four hundred~~  
12 ~~pounds (11,400 lbs.)~~ eleven thousand eight hundred pounds (11,800 lbs.) plates designated as  
13 "combination" upon application, proof of ownership of a camping trailer, fifth wheel camper  
14 trailer, travel trailer or truck camper as defined in § 31-1-3, and proper form furnished by the  
15 administrator of the division of motor vehicles to applicants. The combination plates will allow  
16 those vehicles to drive for pleasure purposes only.

17          (b) The fees for commercial vehicles registering for a combination plate shall be identical  
18 to those established for other commercial vehicles of the same weight. A combination registration

1 transaction shall be considered a change to a new registration classification and not a plate change  
2 transaction. A combination registration shall be renewable during the month of March each year.

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

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1           This act would increase the upper gross weight limit for vehicles eligible for a  
2 combination plate from eleven thousand four hundred pounds (11,400 lbs.) to eleven thousand  
3 eight hundred pounds (11,800 lbs.).

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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