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RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson, McLaughlin, and Place

Date Introduced: January 16, 2020

Referred To: House Special Legislation

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   **31-3-121. Special plate for Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub.**

4   (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available

5 special motor vehicle registration plates for vehicles based upon the not-for-profit entity Rhode

6 Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub.

7   (b) The special plate shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned to the

8 vehicle for which it was issued and shall be used in place of and in the same manner as the

9 registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration plates for the vehicle shall be

10 removed from the vehicle and the registration certificate for the plates shall be carried in the

11 vehicle, in accordance with § 31-3-9. The registration certificate shall be in effect for the special

12 plate.

13   (c) Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub motor vehicle plates shall be the same

14 size as regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed in conjunction with the division of

15 motor vehicles, with design approval by the Rhode Island state police.

16   (d) Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub plates shall be subject to a minimum

17 prepaid order of at least nine hundred (900) sets of plates per plate type including, but not limited

18 to, passenger and commercial. Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub plates shall not be

19 issued unless the minimum order requirements are met. The initial order will be handled by

1   Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub and shall not be submitted to the division of motor

2   vehicles for production until the minimum order has been met and the proper paperwork

3   submitted to the division. Subsequent Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub plate orders

4   will be handled by the division of motor vehicles.

5   (e) The administrator of motor vehicles shall develop application forms, 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, Rhode Island Fire

8   Chiefs Honor Flight Hub 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 Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub in furtherance of its

12   mission of "honoring our veterans by offering WWII and Korean War Veterans a no-cost trip to

13   visit the memorials in Washington, DC."

14   (h) A ten-dollar ($10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated

15   to Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub.

16   (i) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of Rhode Island Fire

17   Chiefs Honor Flight Hub plates, the organization must use any Rhode Island sourced funds in and

18   for the benefit of Rhode Island-based charitable organizations.

19   (j) Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub will be required to submit an annual

20   accounting report before such monies are distributed.

21   (k) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor

22   Flight Hub plates.

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

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1   This act would create special motor vehicle registration plates for vehicles based on the

2   entity Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub.

3   This act would take effect upon passage.

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