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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, and Corvese

Date Introduced: January 27, 2021

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

12 (c) Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub motor vehicle plates shall be the same size
13 as regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed in conjunction with the division of motor
14 vehicles, with design approval by the Rhode Island state police.

15 (d) Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub plates shall be subject to a minimum
16 prepaid order of at least six hundred (600) sets of plates per plate type including, but not limited to,
17 passenger and commercial. Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub plates shall not be issued
18 unless the minimum order requirements are met. The initial order will be handled by Rhode Island
19 Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub and shall not be submitted to the division of motor vehicles for

1 production until the minimum order has been met and the proper paperwork submitted to the
2 division. Subsequent Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub plate orders will be handled by
3 the division of motor vehicles.

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

6 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, Rhode Island Fire
7 Chiefs Honor Flight Hub plates shall be subject to a forty-dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

8 (g) The forty-dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty
9 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)
10 shall be distributed annually to Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub in furtherance of its
11 mission of "honoring our veterans by offering WWII and Korean War Veterans a no-cost trip to
12 visit the memorials in Washington, DC."

13 (h) A ten-dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated
14 to Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub.

15 (i) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of Rhode Island Fire Chiefs
16 Honor Flight Hub plates, the organization must use any Rhode Island sourced funds in and for the
17 benefit of Rhode Island-based charitable organizations.

18 (j) Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub will be required to submit an annual
19 accounting report before such monies are distributed.

20 (k) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor
21 Flight Hub plates.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would create special motor vehicle registration plates for vehicles based on the
2 nonprofit entity Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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