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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 Amore, Henries, and Cassar

Date Introduced: January 29, 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 Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse.**

4           (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available  
5 special motor vehicle registration plates for the not-for-profit Friends of Pomham Rocks  
6 Lighthouse. The plates shall be designed to reference Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse.

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 returned to the division of motor vehicles. The registration certificate  
11 for the plates shall be carried in the vehicle, in accordance with § 31-3-9. The registration certificate  
12 shall be in effect for the special plate.

13           (c) Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as  
14 regular motor vehicle plates, and shall be designed by Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse in  
15 conjunction with the division of motor vehicles, with the design approved by the Rhode Island state  
16 police.

17           (d) Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse plates shall be subject to a minimum prepaid  
18 order of at least six hundred (600) sets of plates per plate type (i.e. passenger, commercial, etc.).  
19 Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order(s)

1 requirements are met. The initial order will be handled by Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse  
2 and shall not be submitted to the division of motor vehicles for production until the minimum  
3 order(s) have been met and the proper paperwork submitted to the division.

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

7 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, Friends of Pomham  
8 Rocks Lighthouse 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 Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse in furtherance of its mission  
12 to assist charitable organizations in Rhode Island with fiscal needs to assist with historic renovation,  
13 preservation, and to improve public awareness and access to the Pomham Rocks Lighthouse.

14 (h) A ten-dollar (\$10) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals will go to Friends of  
15 Pomham Rocks Lighthouse.

16 (i) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of Pomham Rocks  
17 Lighthouse plates, the organization must use any Rhode Island sourced funds in and for the benefit  
18 of Rhode Island-based charitable organizations.

19 (j) Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse will be required to submit an annual accounting  
20 report before such monies are distributed.

21 (k) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of Friends of Pomham Rocks  
22 Lighthouse motor vehicle license plates.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would authorize the administrator of the division of motor vehicles to issue special
- 2 license plates to Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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