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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

**A N A C T**

**RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES**

Introduced By: Representatives Quattrocchi, Place, Filippi, Chippendale, and Price

Date Introduced: February 01, 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 Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island.**

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 entity Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode  
6 Island. The plates shall be designed to reference dyslexia.

7 (b) The special design plates shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned  
8 to the vehicle for which it was issued and shall be used in place of and in the same manner as the  
9 registration plate 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 design plates.

13 (c) The Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as  
14 regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed in conjunction with the division of motor  
15 vehicles and with final approval from the Rhode Island state police.

16 (d) The Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island plates shall be subject to a minimum pre-paid  
17 order of at least six hundred (600) sets of plates per plate type (i.e. passenger, commercial, etc.).  
18 The Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island plates shall be not issued unless the minimum order(s)  
19 requirements are met. The initial order will be handled by the Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island

1 and shall not be submitted to the division of motor vehicles for production until the minimum  
2 order(s) has been met and the proper paperwork submitted to the division.

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

5 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fees, the Dyslexia  
6 Advocacy Rhode Island plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

7 (g) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: Twenty  
8 dollars (\$20.00) shall be deposited in the general fund and twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be  
9 distributed annually to the Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island in furtherance of their mission to raise  
10 dyslexia awareness, increase dyslexia health education, and generate funding for critical dyslexia  
11 health programs that are in desperate need of being brought to fruition.

12 (h) A ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated  
13 to Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island.

14 (i) The Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island shall submit an annual accounting report before  
15 such monies are distributed.

16 (j) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of the Dyslexia Advocacy  
17 Rhode Island, the advocacy must use any Rhode Island sourced funds in and for the benefit of  
18 Rhode Island.

19 (k) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of the Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island  
20 plates.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would permit Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island plates to be issued for passenger  
2 or commercial vehicles. A minimum of six hundred (600) preordered plates would be required.

3           This act would take effect on January 1, 2022.

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