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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representative Deborah L. Ruggiero

Date Introduced: January 12, 2022

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 **31-3-122. Special plate for the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association.**

4 (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available
5 special motor vehicle registration plates for the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association. The
6 plates shall be designed to reference the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association.

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) The Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association motor vehicle plates shall be the same
14 size as regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed by the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum
15 Association, in conjunction with the division of motor vehicles, with design approval by the Rhode
16 Island state police.

17 (d) The Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association plates shall be subject to a minimum
18 pre-paid order of at least six hundred (600) sets of plates per plate type (i.e. passenger, commercial,
19 etc.) The Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association plates shall not be issued unless the minimum

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

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

6 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, the Beavertail
7 Lighthouse Museum Association plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance
8 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 the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association in furtherance of
12 its mission to preserve and protect the buildings of the Beavertail Lighthouse site and to maintain
13 and make available key aspects of Beavertails history.

14 (h) A ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated
15 to the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association.

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

19 (j) The Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association 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 Beavertail Lighthouse Museum
22 Association plates.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect six (6) months after passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize the administrator of the division of motor vehicles to make
2 available a special motor vehicle registration plate for the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum
3 Association.

4 This act would take effect six (6) months after passage.

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