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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Cardillo, Phillips, Solomon, Perez, Noret, O'Brien, and
Marszalkowski

Date Introduced: March 02, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-3-32 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration
2 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-3-32. Expiration of registration.**

4 (a) Every vehicle registration under chapters 3 -- 9 of this title [except commercial vehicles](#)
5 [as defined in § 31-10.3-3](#) and every registration card and registration plate issued under this chapter
6 shall expire at midnight on the thirty-first (31st) day of March of each year, except that the director
7 of the department of revenue, division of motor vehicles shall implement a staggered registration
8 system and a staggered distribution system for fully reflective plates required to be on all vehicles
9 pursuant to § 31-3-10. Implementation of the staggered registration system and distribution system
10 shall be by rules and regulations promulgated by the director of revenue, division of motor vehicles.
11 Every registration card and registration plate issued to apportioned vehicles shall expire on the
12 thirty-first (31st) day of May of each year. A fee for the initial issuance of fully reflective plates
13 and each reissuance thereafter shall be charged in accordance with § 31-6-1(a). However, the
14 requirements for the reissue of fully reflective plates shall apply only to those standard plates
15 described in § 31-3-11 and not to plates authorized by any other section of the general or public
16 laws. Violations of this section are subject to fines enumerated in § 31-41.1-4.

17 (b) [Vehicle registration for any commercial vehicle shall be valid for a two \(2\) year period](#)
18 [and would expire every other year in accordance with subsection \(a\) of this section.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide that commercial vehicle registrations last two (2) years.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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