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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Tassoni, Crowley, Bates, and Miller

Date Introduced: February 14, 2012

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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:

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4 **31-3-92. Special plate for wildlife rehabilitators association of Rhode Island**

5 (WRARI). – (a) Legislative findings.- The wildlife rehabilitators association of Rhode Island is
6 the only organization in Rhode Island providing care to our state’s wildlife and so are an asset to
7 Rhode Island’s citizens and wild animals. In 2011, they cared for two thousand two hundred
8 eighty two (2,282) animals and dealt with thousands of phone calls regarding wildlife in the state.
9 They have just acquired land to build a permanent facility and will begin a capital campaign soon.
10 The distribution to the wildlife rehabilitators association of Rhode Island shall be placed in a
11 restricted account and shall be paid to the wildlife rehabilitators association Rhode Island

12 (b) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available
13 special motor vehicle registration plates for the 501(c)(3) nonprofit wildlife rehabilitators
14 association of Rhode Island.

15 (c) The special plate shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned to the
16 vehicle for which it was issued and shall be used in place of and in the same manner as the
17 registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration plates for the vehicle shall be
18 removed from the vehicle and the registration certificate for the plates shall be carried in the

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

3 (d) Wildlife rehabilitators association of Rhode Island motor vehicle plates shall be the
4 same size as regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed by the wildlife rehabilitators
5 association of Rhode Island in conjunction with the division of motor vehicles, with the design to
6 be approved by the Rhode Island state police.

7 (e) Wildlife rehabilitators association of Rhode Island plates shall be subject to a
8 minimum pre-paid order of at least nine hundred (900) plates. Wildlife rehabilitators association
9 of Rhode Island plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order requirements are met.

10 (f) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles shall develop application forms,
11 prepayment procedures and any other procedures deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of
12 this section.

13 (g) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee. Wildlife
14 rehabilitators association of Rhode Island plates shall be subject to a forty-one dollar and fifty
15 cent (\$41.50) issuance surcharge.

16 (h) The forty-one dollar and fifty cent (\$41.50) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as
17 follows: Twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund; One dollar and fifty cents
18 (\$1.50) will be distributed to Rhode Island division of motor vehicles as a technical surcharge and
19 the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be distributed annually to the wildlife rehabilitators
20 association of Rhode Island to assist in the fiscal needs required to operate the wildlife clinic
21 which provides care to all injured and orphaned wildlife in the state of Rhode Island at no cost,
22 and to continue in the education of new wildlife rehabilitators also at no cost..

23 (i) Wildlife rehabilitators association of Rhode Island will be required to submit an
24 annual financial statement before such monies are distributed.

25 (j) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of wildlife rehabilitators association of
26 Rhode Island plates.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide for the issuance of a special license plate benefitting the wildlife
- 2 rehabilitators association of Rhode Island and would set the terms and conditions for same.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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