

1 **ARTICLE 6**

2 RELATING TO DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

3 SECTION 1. Sections 31-3-33 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration
4 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 **31-3-33. Renewal of registration.** -- (a) Application for renewal of a vehicle registration
6 shall be made by the owner on a proper application form and by payment of the registration fee
7 for the vehicle as provided by law.

8 (b) The division of motor vehicles may receive applications for renewal of registration,
9 and may grant the renewal and issue new registration cards and plates at any time prior to
10 expiration of registration.

11 (c) Upon renewal, owners will be issued a renewal sticker for each registration plate
12 which shall be placed at the bottom right hand corner of the plate. Owners shall be issued a new
13 fully reflective plate beginning September 1, ~~2013~~ 2015 at the time of initial registration or at the
14 renewal of an existing registration and reissuance will be conducted no less than every ten (10)
15 years.

16 SECTION 2. Section 39-18.1-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-18.1 entitled
17 "Transportation Investment and Debt Reduction Act of 2011" is hereby amended to read as
18 follows:

19 **39-18.1-4. ~~Rhode Island highway maintenance trust fund account created~~ Rhode**
20 **Island highway maintenance account created.** -- (a) There is hereby created a special account
21 in the ~~general fund~~ intermodal surface transportation fund as established in section 31-36-20 that
22 is to be known as the Rhode Island ~~Highway Maintenance Trust Fund~~ highway maintenance
23 account.

24 (b) The fund shall consist of all those moneys which the state may from time to time
25 direct to the fund, including, not necessarily limited to, moneys derived from the following
26 sources:

27 (1) There is imposed a surcharge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per ~~passenger car and light~~
28 ~~truck~~ vehicle or truck, other than those with specific registrations set forth below in subsection
29 (b)(1)(i). Such surcharge shall be paid by each ~~car and light truck~~ vehicle or truck owner in order
30 to register that owner's vehicle; or truck and upon each subsequent biennial registration. This

1 surcharge shall be phased in at the rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) each year. The total surcharge will
2 be ten dollars (\$10.00) from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, twenty dollars (\$20.00) from
3 July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, and thirty dollars (\$30.00) from July 1, 2015 through June
4 30, 2016 and each year thereafter.

5 (i) For owners of vehicles or trucks with the following plate types, the surcharge shall be
6 as set forth below and shall be paid in full in order to register the vehicle or truck and upon each
7 subsequent renewal:

<u>Plate Type</u>	<u>Surcharge</u>
<u>Antique</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>Motorcycle</u>	<u>\$13.00</u>

12 (ii) For owners of trailers, the surcharge shall be one-half (1/2) of the biennial registration
13 amount and shall be paid in full in order to register the trailer and upon each subsequent renewal.

14 (2) There is imposed a surcharge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per ~~car and truck~~, vehicle or
15 truck, other than those with specific registrations set forth in subsection (b)(2)(i) below, for those
16 ~~cars and trucks~~ vehicles or trucks subject to annual registration, to be paid annually by each ~~car~~
17 ~~and truck~~ vehicle or truck owner in order to register that owner's vehicle, trailer or truck and upon
18 each subsequent annual registration. This surcharge will be phased in at the rate of five dollars
19 (\$5.00) each year. The total surcharge will be five dollars (\$5.00) from July 1, 2013 through June
20 30, 2014, ten dollars (\$10.00) from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, and fifteen dollars
21 (\$15.00) from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and each year thereafter.

22 (i) For registrations of the following plate types, the surcharge shall be as set forth below
23 and shall be paid in full in order to register the plate, and upon each subsequent renewal:

<u>Plate Type</u>	<u>Surcharge</u>
<u>Boat Dealer</u>	<u>\$6.25</u>
<u>Cycle Dealer</u>	<u>\$6.25</u>
<u>In-transit</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>New Car Dealer</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>Used Car Dealer</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>Racer Tow</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>Transporter</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>Bailee</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>

34 (ii) For owners of trailers, the surcharge shall be one-half (1/2) of the annual registration

1 amount and shall be paid in full in order to register the trailer and upon each subsequent renewal.

2 (iii) For owners of school buses, the surcharge will be phased in at the rate of six dollars
3 and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) each year. The total surcharge will be six dollars and twenty-five
4 cents (\$6.25) from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50)
5 from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and each year thereafter.

6 (3) There is imposed a surcharge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per ~~operator's~~ license to
7 operate a motor vehicle to be paid every five (5) years by each licensed operator of a motor
8 vehicles. This surcharge will be phased in at the rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) each year. The total
9 surcharge will be ten dollars (\$10.00) from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, twenty dollars
10 (\$20.00) from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, and thirty dollars (\$30.00) from July 1, 2015
11 through June 30, 2016 and each year thereafter. In the event that a license is issued or renewed for
12 a period of less than five (5) years, the surcharge will be prorated according to the period of time
13 the license will be valid.

14 (c) All funds collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Rhode Island
15 highway maintenance ~~fund~~ account and shall be used only for the purposes set forth in this
16 chapter.

17 (d) Unexpended balances and any earnings thereon shall not revert to the general fund but
18 shall remain in the Rhode Island highway maintenance ~~fund~~ account. There shall be no
19 requirement that monies received into the Rhode Island highway maintenance ~~fund~~ account
20 during any given calendar year or fiscal year be expended during the same calendar year or fiscal
21 year.

22 (e) The Rhode Island highway maintenance ~~fund~~ account shall be administered by the
23 director, who shall allocate and spend monies from the fund only in accordance with the purposes
24 and procedures set forth in this chapter.

25 SECTION 3. This article shall take effect upon passage.

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