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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Hearn, Finn, and Serpa

Date Introduced: February 05, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

(by request)

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           **31-3-94. Special plate for the United States Olympic Committee. -- (a) The**  
4 **administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available special motor**  
5 **vehicle registration plates for passenger vehicle based upon the not-for-profit entity, the United**  
6 **States Olympic Committee (USOC) for any motor vehicle eligible for registration as an**  
7 **automobile or commercial vehicle having a gross weight of ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.) or**  
8 **less.**

9           **(b) The special plate shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned to the**  
10 **vehicle for which it was issued and shall be used in place of and in the same manner as the**  
11 **registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration plates for the vehicle shall be**  
12 **removed from the vehicle and the registration certificate for the plates shall be carried in the**  
13 **vehicle, in accordance with section 31-3-9. The registration certificate shall be in effect for the**  
14 **special plate. The administrator shall be authorized to retain newly issued plate numbers, at his or**  
15 **her discretion, for the purpose of conducting auctions of the right to use and display those**  
16 **numbers under such terms and conditions as the administrator may permit.**

17           **(c) Auction proceeds shall be apportioned and distributed for charitable purposes, in the**  
18 **discretion of the administrator, in accordance with such agreements as may be entered into with**  
19 **those entities holding ownership rights to the logos. The administrator is hereby authorized to**

1 enter into agreements for the use of logos on Rhode Island registration plates.

2 (d) The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) motor vehicle plates shall be the  
3 same size as regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed in conjunction with the division of  
4 motor vehicles, with design approved by the Rhode Island State Police.

5 (e) United States Olympic Committee (USOC) plates shall be subject to a minimum  
6 prepaid order of at least nine hundred (900) plates. United States Olympic Committee (USOC)  
7 plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order requirements are met. The initial order will  
8 be handled by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and shall not be submitted to the  
9 division of motor vehicles for the production until the minimum order has been met and the  
10 proper paperwork submitted to the division. Subsequent United States Olympic Committee  
11 (USOC) plate orders will be handled by the division of motor vehicles.

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

14 (g) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, United States  
15 Olympic Committee (USOC) plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

16 (h) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty  
17 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)  
18 shall be distributed annually to the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) in furtherance of  
19 their mission in assisting athletes in participation with the Olympic Games.

20 (i) A ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated  
21 to the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

22 (j) The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) shall be required to submit an annual  
23 accounting report before monies are distributed.

24 (k) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of United States Olympic Committee  
25 (USOC) plates.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow the registry of motor vehicles to issue special license plates to  
2 benefit the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) upon a prepaid order of at least nine  
3 hundred (900) plates.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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