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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 Donna M. Walsh

Date Introduced: May 16, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-1-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-1 entitled "Definitions
2 and General Code Provisions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-1-6. Specially constructed and reconstructed vehicles.** -- (a) "Essential parts"
4 means all integral and body parts of a vehicle of a type that must be registered under chapters 3 --
5 9 of this title, the removal, alteration, or substitution of which would tend to conceal the identity
6 of the vehicle or substantially alter its appearance, model, type, or mode of operation.

7 (b) "Reconstructed vehicle" means every vehicle of a type that must be registered under
8 chapters 3 -- 9 of this title, which has been materially altered from its original construction by the
9 removal, addition, or substitution of essential parts, new or used.

10 (c) "Specially constructed vehicle" means every vehicle of a type that must be registered
11 under chapters 3 -- 9 of this title, but not originally constructed under a distinctive name, make,
12 model, or type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles ~~and not materially altered from~~
13 ~~its original construction.~~

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 31-3 of the General Laws entitled "Registration of Vehicles" is
15 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

16 **31-3-31.3. Registration of specially constructed vehicles.** -- (a) A "specially
17 constructed vehicle" means every vehicle of a type that must be registered under chapters 3
18 though 9 of this title, but not originally constructed under a distinctive name, make, model, or
19 type by a generally recognized manufacturer of vehicles.

1 **(b) Specially constructed vehicles shall be subject to the registration fees in section 31-6-**

2 **1.**

3 **(c) Before a specially constructed vehicle can be registered, it must undergo an inspection**
4 **by the division of motor vehicles to determine whether the vehicle was designed for and may be**
5 **safely operated on public roads and meets all necessary safety standards. Only those specially**
6 **constructed vehicles that are deemed by the division of motor vehicles to be designed for use on**
7 **public roads and meeting all necessary safety standards shall be registered. Specially constructed**
8 **vehicles that are registered shall be subject to inspection pursuant to chapter 38-4 of this title to**
9 **ensure that the vehicle continues to meet all necessary safety standards.**

10 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would allow the registration of specially constructed vehicles that are designed
- 2 for use on public roads, and meet necessary safety standards.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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