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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION FEES - DISABLED
VETERANS

Introduced By: Representatives Giarrusso, Malik, Abney, McLaughlin, and Lancia

Date Introduced: January 14, 2015

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-6-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-6 entitled "Registration
2 Fees" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-6-8. Disabled veterans.** -- (a) Any veteran who has been honorably discharged from
4 the service of the armed forces or the merchant marine of the United States in any of the wars or
5 campaigns in which the United States has been engaged and who, while engaged in these wars or
6 campaigns or as a result of engagement in these wars or campaigns, by reason of amputation, has
7 lost one or both of his or her arms, hands, feet, or legs, or who, by reason of other permanent
8 injury, has lost the use of one or both of his or her arms, hands, feet, or legs, or to whom has been
9 granted a motor vehicle under chapter 870-2D, United States Public Laws 663, enacted 1946,
10 79th Congress, or who has been determined by the Veterans' Administration to have ~~a-service~~
11 ~~connected disability of one hundred percent (100%)~~ the status of individual unemployability,
12 shall be forever exempt from the payment of any fee for the annual registration of and a license to
13 operate that motor vehicle.

14 (b) The administrator for the division of motor vehicles shall issue to an eligible veteran
15 for use on an automobile, or on a commercial vehicle having a gross weight of six thousand three
16 hundred pounds (6,300 lbs.) or less, registration plates designated "Disabled Veteran". Upon the
17 death of the holder of "Disabled Veteran" plates, the plates may be transferred to his or her
18 surviving spouse for his or her lifetime or until he or she remarries. Only one set of "Disabled

1 Veteran" plates shall be issued to an eligible veteran and only after certification of eligibility from
2 the Veterans' Administration or other satisfactory documentation of eligibility is presented.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would amend the definition of disabled veteran to conform to the current
- 2 terminology of the Veterans' Administration.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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