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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES-SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Regunberg, and
Casimiro

Date Introduced: January 18, 2017

Referred To: House Finance

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 **31-3-112. Special plate for the Rhode Island Salt Water Anglers Foundation.**

4 (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available
5 special motor vehicle registration plates for the Rhode Island Salt Water Anglers Foundation. The
6 plates shall be designed to reference the Rhode Island Salt Water Anglers Foundation and shall
7 feature a striped bass.

8 (b) The special plate shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned to the
9 vehicle for which it was issued and shall be used in place of, and in the same manner as, the
10 registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration plates for the vehicle shall be
11 removed from the vehicle and returned to the division of motor vehicles. The registration
12 certificate for the plates shall be carried in the vehicle in accordance with §31-3-9. The
13 registration certificate shall be in effect for the special plate.

14 (c) The Rhode Island Salt Water Anglers Foundation motor vehicle plates shall be the
15 same size as regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed by the Rhode Island Salt Water
16 Anglers Foundation, in conjunction with the division of motor vehicles, with design approval by
17 the Rhode Island state police.

18 (d) The Rhode Island Salt Water Anglers Foundation plates shall be subject to a
19 minimum prepaid order of at least nine hundred (900) sets of plates per plate type (i.e. passenger,

1 commercial, etc.). The Rhode Island Salt Water Anglers Foundation plates shall not be issued
2 unless the minimum order(s) requirements are met. The initial order will be handled by the Rhode
3 Island Salt Water Anglers Foundation and shall not be submitted to the division of motor vehicles
4 for production until the minimum order(s) have been met and the proper paperwork submitted to
5 the division.

6 (e) The administrator of motor vehicles shall develop prepayment procedures and any
7 other procedures deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

8 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, the Rhode Island
9 Salt Water Anglers Foundation plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance
10 surcharge.

11 (g) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: Twenty
12 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)
13 shall be distributed annually to the Rhode Island Salt Water Anglers Foundation in furtherance of
14 its mission to preserve our marine fisheries, environmental protection, restoration projects, and
15 youth activity programs that foster recreational fishing, safety, and conservation.

16 (h) A ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated
17 to the Rhode Island Salt Water Anglers Foundation.

18 (i) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of the Rhode Island Salt
19 Water Anglers Foundation license plate, the foundation must use any Rhode Island sources funds
20 in, and for the benefit of, Rhode Island-based charitable organizations.

21 (j) The Rhode Island Salt Water Anglers Foundation shall be required to submit an
22 annual accounting report before such monies are distributed.

23 (k) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of the Rhode Island Salt Water
24 Anglers Foundation plates.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would make available special motor vehicle registration plates for the Salt Water
- 2 Anglers Association.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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