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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENDED REGISTRATION
REINSTATEMENT FEE

Introduced By: Representatives Winfield, Kazarian, Ucci, Regunberg, and Barros

Date Introduced: January 26, 2018

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-8-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-8 entitled "Offenses
2 Against Registration and Certificate of Title Laws" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-8-4. Suspension or revocation of registration or certificate of title.**

4 (a) The division of motor vehicles is authorized to suspend or revoke the registration of a
5 vehicle or a certificate of title, registration card, or registration plate, or any nonresident or other
6 permit, in any of the following events:

7 (1) When the division of motor vehicles is satisfied that the registration or that the
8 certificate, card, plate, or permit was fraudulently or erroneously issued;

9 (2) When the division of motor vehicles determines that a registered vehicle is
10 mechanically unfit or unsafe to be operated or moved upon the highways;

11 (3) When a registered vehicle has been dismantled or wrecked;

12 (4) When the division of motor vehicles determines that the required fee has not been
13 paid and the fee is not paid upon reasonable notice and demand;

14 (5) When a registration plate or permit is knowingly displayed upon a vehicle other than
15 the one for which issued;

16 (6) When the division of motor vehicles determines that the owner has committed any
17 offense under chapters 3 -- 9 of this title involving the registration or the certificate, card, plate, or
18 permit to be suspended or revoked; or

1 (7) When the division of motor vehicles is so authorized under any other provision of
2 law.

3 (8) Upon receipt or notice the carrier and/or operator of a commercial motor vehicle has
4 violated or is not in compliance with 49 CFR 386.72 or 49 CFR 390.5 et seq. of the motor carrier
5 safety regulation or chapter 23 of this title.

6 (b) Upon removal of cause for which the registration or certificate of title was revoked,
7 denied or suspended, the division of motor vehicles shall require the registrant or applicant to pay
8 a restoration fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), except in the case of a suspension for
9 lack of a valid inspection.

10 (c) In the event a registration is to be suspended as a consequence of a failure to obtain a
11 valid inspection certificate for a vehicle, the division of motor vehicles shall cause a notice to be
12 sent by regular mail to the address of the registered owner as indicated on the registration
13 certificate indicating that the owner must obtain a valid inspection certificate within thirty (30)
14 days of the issuance of the notice.

15 (1) The fee for restoration of a registration suspended for failure to obtain a valid
16 inspection certificate shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for the first offense, fifty dollars (\$50.00) for
17 the second offense, and one hundred dollars (\$100) for the third and subsequent offenses.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would set the fees for restoration of a registration suspended for lack of a valid
2 inspection at ten dollars (\$10.00) for the first offense, fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the second offense
3 and one hundred dollars (\$100) for the third and subsequent offenses.

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