

1 **ARTICLE 7**

2 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES

3 SECTION 1. Section 31-2-27 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-2 entitled "Division of
4 Motor Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 **31-2-27. Technology surcharge fee.**

6 (a) The division of motor vehicles shall collect a technology surcharge fee of ~~one dollar~~
7 ~~and fifty cents (\$1.50)~~ two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per transaction for every division of motor
8 vehicles' fee transaction, except as otherwise provided by law and provided no surcharge fee is
9 assessed on motor vehicle inspection transactions conducted pursuant to § 31-38-4. One dollar and
10 fifty cents (\$1.50) of each two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) ~~All technology surcharge fees~~
11 collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the information technology investment
12 fund established pursuant to § 42-11-2.5 and shall be used for project-related payments and/or
13 ongoing maintenance of and enhancements to the division of motor vehicles' computer system and
14 to reimburse the information technology investment fund for advances made to cover project-
15 related payments. The remaining one dollar (\$1.00) shall be deposited into a restricted receipt
16 account managed by the division of motor vehicles and restricted to the project-related payments
17 and/or ongoing maintenance of and enhancements to the division of motor vehicles' computer
18 system.

19 ~~(b) Authorization to collect the technology surcharge fee provided for in subsection (a)~~
20 ~~shall sunset and expire on June 30, 2022.~~

21 (b) Beginning July 1, 2022, the full two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) shall be deposited
22 into the division of motor vehicles restricted account and restricted to the project-related payments
23 and/or ongoing maintenance of and enhancements to the division of motor vehicles' computer
24 system.

25 SECTION 2. Section 31-3-33 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration
26 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 **31-3-33. Renewal of registration.**

28 (a) Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the owner on a proper
29 application form and by payment of the registration fee for the vehicle as provided by law.

30 (b) The division of motor vehicles may receive applications for renewal of registration, and

1 may grant the renewal and issue new registration cards and plates at any time prior to expiration of
2 registration.

3 (c) Upon renewal, owners will be issued a renewal sticker for each registration plate that
4 shall be placed at the bottom, right-hand corner of the plate. Owners shall be issued a new, fully
5 reflective plate beginning ~~January 1, 2020~~ June 1, 2020, at the time of initial registration or at the
6 renewal of an existing registration and reissuance will be conducted no less than every ten (10)
7 years.

8 (d) No later than August 15, 2019, and every fifteenth day of the month through August
9 15, 2020, the division of motor vehicles shall submit a report outlining the previous month's activity
10 and progress towards the implementation of the license plate reissuance to the chairpersons of the
11 house finance and senate finance committee, the house fiscal advisor, and the senate fiscal advisor.
12 The report shall include, but not be limited to, information on the status of project plans, obstacles
13 to implementation, and actions taken toward implementation.

14 SECTION 3. Section 31-6-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-6 entitled "Registration
15 Fees" is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 **31-6-1. Amount of registration and miscellaneous fees.**

17 (a) The following registration fees shall be paid to the division of motor vehicles for the
18 registration of motor vehicles, trailers, semi-trailers, and school buses subject to registration for
19 each year of registration:

20 (1) For the registration of every automobile, when equipped with pneumatic tires, the gross
21 weight of which is not more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.): thirty dollars (\$30.00).

22 (2) For the registration of every motor truck or tractor when equipped with pneumatic tires,
23 the gross weight of which is not more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.): thirty-four dollars
24 (\$34.00).

25 (3) For the registration of every automobile, motor truck or tractor, when equipped with
26 pneumatic tires, the gross weight of which is:

27 (i) More than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.), but not more than five thousand pounds
28 (5,000 lbs.): forty dollars (\$40.00);

29 (ii) More than five thousand pounds (5,000 lbs.), but not more than six thousand pounds
30 (6,000 lbs.): forty-eight dollars (\$48.00);

31 (iii) More than six thousand pounds (6,000 lbs.), but not more than seven thousand pounds
32 (7,000 lbs.): fifty-six dollars (\$56.00);

33 (iv) More than seven thousand pounds (7,000 lbs.), but not more than eight thousand
34 pounds (8,000 lbs.): sixty-four dollars (\$64.00);

1 (v) More than eight thousand pounds (8,000 lbs.), but not more than nine thousand pounds
2 (9,000 lbs.): seventy dollars (\$70.00);

3 (vi) More than nine thousand pounds (9,000 lbs.), but not more than ten thousand pounds
4 (10,000 lbs.): seventy-eight dollars (\$78.00);

5 (vii) More than ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.), but not more than twelve thousand
6 pounds (12,000 lbs.): one hundred six dollars (\$106);

7 (viii) More than twelve thousand pounds (12,000 lbs.), but not more than fourteen thousand
8 pounds (14,000 lbs.): one hundred twenty-four dollars (\$124);

9 (ix) More than fourteen thousand pounds (14,000 lbs.), but not more than sixteen thousand
10 pounds (16,000 lbs.): one hundred forty dollars (\$140);

11 (x) More than sixteen thousand pounds (16,000 lbs.), but not more than eighteen thousand
12 pounds (18,000 lbs.): one hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$158);

13 (xi) More than eighteen thousand pounds (18,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty thousand
14 pounds (20,000 lbs.): one hundred seventy-six dollars (\$176);

15 (xii) More than twenty thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-two
16 thousand pounds (22,000 lbs.): one hundred ninety-four dollars (\$194);

17 (xiii) More than twenty-two thousand pounds (22,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-four
18 thousand pounds (24,000 lbs.): two hundred ten dollars (\$210);

19 (xiv) More than twenty-four thousand pounds (24,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-six
20 thousand pounds (26,000 lbs.): two hundred thirty dollars (\$230);

21 (xv) More than twenty-six thousand pounds (26,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-eight
22 thousand pounds (28,000 lbs.): two hundred ninety-six dollars (\$296);

23 (xvi) More than twenty-eight thousand pounds (28,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty
24 thousand pounds (30,000 lbs.): three hundred sixteen dollars (\$316);

25 (xvii) More than thirty thousand pounds (30,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-two
26 thousand pounds (32,000 lbs.): four hundred and twenty-two dollars (\$422);

27 (xviii) More than thirty-two thousand pounds (32,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-four
28 thousand pounds (34,000 lbs.): four hundred and forty-eight dollars (\$448);

29 (xix) More than thirty-four thousand pounds (34,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-six
30 thousand pounds (36,000 lbs.): four hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$476);

31 (xx) More than thirty-six thousand pounds (36,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-eight
32 thousand pounds (38,000 lbs.): five hundred and two dollars (\$502);

33 (xxi) More than thirty-eight thousand pounds (38,000 lbs.), but not more than forty
34 thousand pounds (40,000 lbs.): five hundred and twenty-eight dollars (\$528);

1 (xxii) More than forty thousand pounds (40,000 lbs.), but not more than forty-two thousand
2 pounds (42,000 lbs.): five hundred and fifty-four dollars (\$554);

3 (xxiii) More than forty-two thousand pounds (42,000 lbs.), but not more than forty-six
4 thousand pounds (46,000 lbs.): six hundred and eight dollars (\$608);

5 (xxiv) More than forty-six thousand pounds (46,000 lbs.), but not more than fifty thousand
6 pounds (50,000 lbs.): six hundred and sixty dollars (\$660);

7 (xxv) More than fifty thousand pounds (50,000 lbs.), but not more than fifty-four thousand
8 pounds (54,000 lbs.): seven hundred and twelve dollars (\$712);

9 (xxvi) More than fifty-four thousand pounds (54,000 lbs.), but not more than fifty-eight
10 thousand pounds (58,000 lbs.): seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars (\$768);

11 (xxvii) More than fifty-eight thousand pounds (58,000 lbs.), but not more than sixty-two
12 thousand pounds (62,000 lbs.): eight hundred and sixteen dollars (\$816);

13 (xxviii) More than sixty-two thousand pounds (62,000 lbs.), but not more than sixty-six
14 thousand pounds (66,000 lbs.): eight hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$876);

15 (xxix) More than sixty-six thousand pounds (66,000 lbs.), but not more than seventy
16 thousand pounds (70,000 lbs.): nine hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$924);

17 (xxx) More than seventy thousand pounds (70,000 lbs.), but not more than seventy-four
18 thousand pounds (74,000 lbs.): nine hundred and seventy-two dollars (\$972);

19 (xxxi) Over seventy-four thousand pounds (74,000 lbs.): nine hundred and seventy-two
20 dollars (\$972), plus twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) per two thousand pounds (2,000 lbs.) gross
21 weight.

22 (4) For the registration of every semi-trailer to be used with a truck-tractor, as defined in §
23 31-1-4(f), shall be as follows: an annual fee of twelve dollars (\$12.00) for a one-year registration;
24 for multi-year registrations the fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a five-year (5) registration; and
25 eighty dollars (\$80.00) for an eight-year (8) registration. However, when in use, the weight of the
26 resulting semi-trailer unit and its maximum carrying capacity shall not exceed the gross weight of
27 the original semi-trailer unit from which the gross weight of the tractor was determined. A
28 registration certificate and registration plate shall be issued for each semi-trailer so registered.
29 There shall be no refund of payment of such fee, except that when a plate is returned prior to ninety
30 (90) days before the effective date of that year's registration, the pro rate amount, based on the
31 unused portion of the multi-year registration plate period at time of surrender, shall be refunded. A
32 multi-year semi-trailer registration may be transferred to another semi-trailer subject to the
33 provisions and fee set forth in § 31-6-11. Thirty percent (30%) of the semi-trailer registration fee
34 shall be retained by the division of motor vehicles to defray the costs of implementation of the

1 international registration plan (IRP) and fleet registration section.

2 (5) For the registration of every automobile, motor truck, or tractor, when equipped with
3 other than pneumatic tires, there shall be added to the above gross weight fees a charge of ten cents
4 (10¢) for each one hundred pounds (100 lbs.) of gross weight.

5 (6) For the registration of every public bus, the rates provided for motor vehicles for hire
6 plus two dollars (\$2.00) for each passenger that bus is rated to carry, the rating to be determined by
7 the administrator of the division of motor vehicles.

8 (7) For the registration of every motorcycle, or motor-driven cycle, thirteen dollars
9 (\$13.00). Three dollars (\$3.00) from that sum shall be turned over to the department of education
10 to assist in the payment of the cost of the motorcycle driver's education program as enumerated in
11 § 31-10.1-1.1.

12 (8) For the registration of every trailer, not including semi-trailers used with a truck-tractor
13 as defined in § 31-1-4(d), with a gross weight of three thousand pounds (3,000 lbs.) or less, five
14 dollars (\$5.00). Trailers with a gross weight of more than three thousand pounds (3,000 lbs.) shall
15 be assessed a registration fee of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per thousand pounds (1,000 lbs.).

16 (9) The annual registration fee for a motor vehicle, commonly described as a boxcar and/or
17 locomotive, and used only by La Societe Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux for civic demonstration,
18 parades, convention purposes, or social welfare work, shall be two dollars (\$2.00).

19 (10) For the registration of every motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer owned by any
20 department or agency of any city or town or district, provided the name of the city or town or
21 district or state department or agency owning the same shall be plainly printed on two (2) sides of
22 the vehicle, two dollars (\$2.00).

23 (11) For the registration of motor vehicles used for racing, fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

24 (12) For every duplicate registration certificate, seventeen dollars (\$17.00).

25 (13) For every certified copy of a registration certificate or application, ten dollars (\$10.00).

26 (14) For every certificate assigning a special identification number or mark as provided in
27 § 31-3-37, one dollar (\$1.00).

28 (15) For every replacement of number plates or additional pair of number plates, without
29 changing the number, thirty dollars (\$30.00).

30 (16) For the registration of every farm vehicle, used in farming as provided in § 31-3-31:
31 ten dollars (\$10.00).

32 (17) For the registration of antique motor vehicles, five dollars (\$5.00).

33 (18) For the registration of a suburban vehicle, when used as a pleasure vehicle and the
34 gross weight of which is not more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.), the same rates as charged

1 in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be applicable and when used as a commercial vehicle and
2 the gross weight of which is not more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.), the same rates as
3 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be applicable. The rates in subdivision (3) of
4 this subsection shall be applicable when the suburban vehicle has a gross weight of more than four
5 thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.), regardless of the use of the vehicle.

6 (19) For the registration of every motor bus that is used exclusively under contract with a
7 political subdivision or school district of the state for the transportation of school children, twenty-
8 five dollars (\$25); provided that the motor bus may also be used for the transportation of persons
9 to and from church and Sunday school services, and for the transportation of children to and from
10 educational or recreational projects sponsored by a city or town or by any association or
11 organization supported wholly or in part by public or private donations for charitable purposes,
12 without the payment of additional registration fee.

13 (20) For the registration of every motorized bicycle, ten dollars (\$10.00).

14 (21) For the registration of every motorized tricycle, ten dollars (\$10.00).

15 (22) For the replacement of number plates with a number change, twenty dollars (\$20.00).

16 (23) For the initial issuance and each reissuance of fully reflective plates, as required by §§
17 31-3-10 ~~and~~, 31-3-32, [and 31-3-33](#), an additional ~~six dollars (\$6.00)~~ [eight dollars \(\\$8.00\)](#).

18 (24) For the issuance of a trip permit under the International Registration Plan, twenty-five
19 dollars (\$25.00) per vehicle. The division of motor vehicles is authorized to issue seventy-two-hour
20 (72) trip permits for vehicles required to be registered in the International Registration Plan that
21 have not been apportioned with the state of Rhode Island.

22 (25) For the issuance of a hunter's permit under the International Registration Plan, twenty-
23 five dollars (\$25.00) per vehicle. The division of motor vehicles is authorized to issue hunter's
24 permits for motor vehicles based in the state of Rhode Island and otherwise required to be registered
25 in the International Registration Plan. These permits are valid for thirty (30) days.

26 (26) For the registration of a specially adapted motor vehicle necessary to transport a family
27 member with a disability for personal, noncommercial use, a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) assessed.

28 SECTION 4. Section 31-3.1-38 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3.1 entitled
29 "Certificates of Title and Security Interests" is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 **31-3.1-38. Effective dates -- Applicability.**

31 This chapter shall apply to all model vehicles designated as 2001 models and all subsequent
32 model year vehicles. All vehicles designated as model years prior to 2001 shall be excluded from
33 these provisions, ~~provided that no title certificate shall be required once a vehicle is twenty (20)~~
34 ~~years old.~~

1 SECTION 5. This article shall take effect upon passage.

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