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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senators Archambault, and Murray

Date Introduced: February 18, 2021

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-3-117 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration
2 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-3-117. Minimum prepaid special motor vehicle registration plate orders.**

4 (a) As to any special motor vehicle registration plates that have been authorized pursuant
5 to this chapter but that have not been issued or printed as of July 2, 2018 because the minimum
6 number of prepaid orders for the plates has not been reached, the minimum number of plates that
7 must be prepaid and ordered prior to the plates being made and issued shall be deemed to be six
8 hundred (600) sets of plates per plate type. If the minimum number of prepaid plates provided
9 pursuant to any other section of this chapter is a higher number, that number shall be deemed
10 reduced to six hundred (600) sets of plates per plate type.

11 (b) As to any special plates that are authorized pursuant to this chapter after July 2, 2018,
12 the minimum number of plates that must be prepaid and ordered prior to the plates being made and
13 issued shall be six hundred (600) sets of plates per plate type.

14 (c) For any type of special plate qualifying under subsection (a) or (b) of this section, the
15 minimum number of special plates of such type that must be prepaid and ordered prior to the special
16 plates of such type being made and issued shall be reduced to one hundred fifty (150) if the
17 applicable sponsoring nonprofit entity delivers to the administrator of the division of motor
18 vehicles, together with the orders for such one hundred fifty (150) plates and the fees required in
19 connection therewith, an additional fee of three thousand dollars (\$3,000). Such additional fee shall

1 be refunded to such nonprofit entity if a total of six hundred (600) of such type of special plate
2 (inclusive of the initial one hundred fifty (150) plates) are ordered and issued within five (5) years
3 following delivery of such additional fee. Such additional fee shall be forfeited to the division of
4 motor vehicles if a total of six hundred (600) of such type of special plate (inclusive of the initial
5 one hundred fifty (150) plates) are not ordered and issued within five (5) years following delivery
6 of such additional fee.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide for a reduction in the minimum number of special plates to be
2 ordered from the DMV to one hundred fifty (150) sets upon payment of a conditionally refundable
3 fee of three thousand dollars (\$3,000). The three thousand dollars (\$3,000) would be refunded if a
4 total of six hundred (600) sets of the special plates were ordered and issued within five (5) years.
5 If six hundred (600) sets are not ordered within five (5) years then the three thousand dollar (\$3,000)
6 fee is forfeited.

7 This act would take effect upon passage.

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