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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 -- SPECIAL PLATE FOR MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND

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      **31-3-121. Special plate for MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE**

4  **ISLAND.**

5      (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available

6  special motor vehicle registration plates for the not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) Rhode Island Corporation,

7  MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND. The plates shall be designed to

8  reference MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND.

9      (b) The special plate shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned to the

10  vehicle for which it was issued, and shall be used in place of and in the same manner as the

11  registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration plates for the vehicle shall be

12  removed from the vehicle and returned to the division of motor vehicles. The registration certificate

13  for the plates shall be carried in the vehicle, in accordance with § 31-3-9. The registration certificate

14  shall be in effect for the special plate.

15      (c) MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND motor vehicle plates

16  shall be the same size as regular motor vehicle plates, and shall be designed by the MASONIC

17  GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND in conjunction with the division of motor

18  vehicles, with the design approved by the Rhode Island state police.

1      (d) MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND plates shall be

2      subject to a minimum pre-paid order of at least five hundred (500) sets of plates per plate type (i.e.

3      passenger, commercial, etc.). MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND

4      plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order(s) requirements are met. The initial order will

5      be handled by the MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND, and shall not

6      be submitted to the division of motor vehicles for production until the minimum order(s) have been

7      met, and the proper paperwork submitted to the division.

8      (e) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles shall develop application forms,

9      pre-payment procedures and any other procedures deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of

10      this section.

11      (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, MASONIC GRAND

12      LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND plates shall be subject to a forty dollar ($40.00)

13      issuance surcharge, to be allocated as follows: twenty dollars ($20.00) shall be allocated to the

14      general fund and the remaining twenty dollars ($20.00) shall be distributed annually to the

15      MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND to assist in its charitable work.

16      The distribution to the MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND shall be

17      placed in a restricted account and shall be paid to the MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES

18      OF RHODE ISLAND.

19      (g) MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND will be required to

20      submit an annual accounting report before such monies are distributed.

21      (h) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of MASONIC GRAND LODGE

22      CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND plates.

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

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EXPLANATION

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES --
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1          This act would authorize a special license plate for MASONIC GRAND LODGE

2    CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND, specify the minimum order, and govern the amount and

3    distribution of the fee surcharge.

4          This act would take effect upon passage.

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