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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS

Introduced By: Senators Burke, LaMountain, and Tikoian

Date Introduced: February 16, 2023

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-3.1-38 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3.1 entitled  
2 "Certificates of Title and Security Interests" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-3.1-38. Effective dates -- Applicability.**

4 This chapter shall apply to all model vehicles; provided, however, that ~~designated as 2001~~  
5 ~~models and all subsequent model year vehicles. All~~ all vehicles designated as model years prior to  
6 ~~2001~~ 2002 shall ~~be excluded from these provisions~~ not be required to be issued a title certificate  
7 until ownership is transferred or the current owner creates a security interest in the vehicle;  
8 provided, further that, nothing herein shall prohibit the issuance of a title certificate to the current  
9 owner upon application and payment of a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require that all vehicle model years prior to 2002 would not be required to  
2 be issued a title certificate until ownership is transferred or the current owner creates a security  
3 interest in the vehicle.

4           This act would take effect on January 1, 2024.

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