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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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A N A C T

RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, O'Brien, and McNamara

Date Introduced: March 22, 2024

Referred To: House Special Legislation

(by request)

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 Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub.**

4           (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available  
5 special motor vehicle registration plates for vehicles based upon the nonprofit entity Rhode Island  
6 Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub.

7           (b) The special plate shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned to the  
8 vehicle for which it was issued and shall be used in place of and in the same manner as the  
9 registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration plates for the vehicle shall be  
10 removed from the vehicle and returned to the division of motor vehicles and the registration  
11 certificate for the plates shall be carried in the vehicle, in accordance with § 31-3-9. The registration  
12 certificate shall be in effect for the special plate.

13           (c) Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub motor vehicle plates shall be the same size  
14 as regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed by the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight  
15 Hub, in conjunction with the division of motor vehicles, with design approval by the Rhode Island  
16 state police.

17           (d) The Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub plates shall be subject to a compliance  
18 with § 31-3-117 relating to the number of minimum pre-paid order of plates per plate type (i.e.  
19 passenger, commercial, etc.) and any required payment. The Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight

1 Hub plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order requirements are met. The initial order  
2 will be handled by the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub and shall not be submitted to  
3 the division of motor vehicles for production until the minimum order(s) have been met and the  
4 proper paper work submitted to the division.

5 (e) The administrator of motor vehicles shall develop prepayment procedures, and any  
6 other procedures deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

7 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, Rhode Island Fire  
8 Chiefs Honor Flight Hub plates shall be subject to a forty-dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

9 (g) The forty-dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty  
10 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)  
11 shall be distributed annually to Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub in furtherance of its  
12 mission of "honoring our veterans by offering WWII and Korean War Veterans a no-cost trip to  
13 visit the memorials in Washington, DC."

14 (h) A ten-dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated  
15 to the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub.

16 (i) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of the Rhode Island Fire  
17 Chiefs Honor Flight Hub plates, the organization must use any Rhode Island sourced funds in and  
18 for the benefit of Rhode Island-based charitable organizations.

19 (j) Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub will be required to submit an annual  
20 accounting report before such monies are distributed.

21 (k) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor  
22 Flight Hub plates.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would create special motor vehicle registration plates for vehicles based on the  
2 nonprofit entity Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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