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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Canario, Edwards, Gallison, Finn, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: March 20, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-3-90 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration  
2 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-3-90. Special plate for the Red Sox Foundation.** -- (a) The administrator of the  
4 division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available special motor vehicle registration  
5 plates for passenger vehicles based upon the not-for-profit entity, the Red Sox Foundation for any  
6 motor vehicle eligible for registration as an automobile, suburban vehicle, or commercial vehicle  
7 ~~having a gross weight of ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.) or less~~ eligible for a combination plate  
8 as provided for in § 31-3-64.

9 (b) The special plate shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned to  
10 the 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 the registration certificate for the plates shall be carried in the  
13 vehicle, in accordance with section 31-3-9. The registration certificate shall be in effect for the  
14 special plate. The administrator shall be authorized to retain newly issued plate numbers, at his or  
15 her discretion, for the purpose of conducting auctions of the right to use and display those  
16 numbers under such terms and conditions as the administrator may permit.

17 Auction proceeds shall be apportioned and distributed for charitable purposes, in the  
18 discretion of the administrator, in accordance with such agreements as may be entered into with  
19 those entities holding ownership rights to the logos. The administrator is hereby authorized to

1 enter into agreements for the use of logos on Rhode Island registration plates.

2 (c) The Red Sox Foundation motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as regular motor  
3 vehicle plates and shall be designed in conjunction with the division of motor vehicles, with  
4 design approval by the Rhode Island State Police.

5 (d) Red Sox Foundation plates shall be subject to a minimum pre-paid order of at least  
6 nine hundred (900) plates. Red Sox Foundation plates shall not be issued unless the minimum  
7 order requirements are met. The initial order will be handled by the Red Sox Foundation and shall  
8 not be submitted to the division of motor vehicles for the production until the minimum order has  
9 been met and the proper paperwork submitted to the division. Subsequent Red Sox Foundation  
10 plate orders will be handled by the division of motor vehicles.

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

13 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, Red Sox  
14 Foundation plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

15 (g) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty  
16 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)  
17 shall be distributed annually to the Red Sox Foundation in furtherance of their mission of  
18 assisting the youth and families of New England through donations that foster cultural diversity,  
19 education, family and health.

20 (h) A ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be  
21 allocated to the Red Sox Foundation.

22 (i) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of Red Sox Foundation,  
23 the foundation must use any Rhode Island sourced funds in and for the benefit of Rhode Island  
24 based charitable organizations.

25 (j) The Red Sox Foundation will be required to submit an annual accounting report  
26 before such monies are distributed.

27 (k) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of Red Sox Foundation plates.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would authorize the division of motor vehicles to issue special registration plates  
2 in support of the Red Sox Foundation to suburban vehicles and commercial vehicles eligible for  
3 combination plates.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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