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# ARTICLE 8

## RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES

SECTION 1. Section 31-3-33 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

**31-3-33. Renewal of registration.**

(a) Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the owner on a proper application form and by payment of the registration fee for the vehicle as provided by law.

(b) The division of motor vehicles may receive applications for renewal of registration, and may grant the renewal and issue new registration cards and plates at any time prior to expiration of registration.

(c) Upon renewal, owners will be issued a renewal sticker for each registration plate that shall be placed at the bottom, right-hand corner of the plate. Owners shall be issued a new, fully reflective plate beginning January 1, ~~2019~~2020, at the time of initial registration or at the renewal of an existing registration and reissuance will be conducted no less than every ten (10) years.

SECTION 2. Section 31-10-31 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-10 entitled "Operators' and Chauffeurs' Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

**31-10-31. Fees.**

The following fees shall be paid to the division of motor vehicles:

- (1) For every operator's first license to operate a motor vehicle, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- (2) For every chauffeur's first license, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); provided, that when a Rhode Island licensed operator transfers to a chauffeur's license, the fee for the transfer shall be two dollars (\$2.00);
- (3) For every learner's permit to operate a motorcycle, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- (4) For every operator's first license to operate a motorcycle, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- (5) For every renewal of an operator's or chauffeur's license, thirty dollars (\$30.00); with the exception of any person seventy-five (75) years of age or older for whom the renewal fee will be eight dollars (\$8.00);
- (6) For every duplicate operator's or chauffeur's license, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);
- (7) For every certified copy of any license, permit, or application issued under this chapter,

1 ten dollars (\$10.00);

2 (8) For every duplicate instruction permit, ten dollars (\$10.00);

3 (9) For every first license examination, five dollars (\$5.00);

4 (10) For every routine information update, i.e., name change or address change, ~~five dollars~~  
5 ~~(\$5.00)~~ fifteen dollars (\$15.00);

6 (11) For surrender of an out-of-state license, in addition to the above fees, five dollars  
7 (\$5.00).

8 SECTION 3. Section 39-18.1-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-18.1 entitled  
9 "Transportation Investment and Debt Reduction Act of 2011" is hereby amended to read as follows:  
10 **39-18.1-4. Rhode Island highway maintenance account created.**

11 (a) There is hereby created a special account in the intermodal surface transportation fund  
12 as established in § 31-36-20 that is to be known as the Rhode Island highway maintenance account.

13 (b) The fund shall consist of all those moneys that the state may from time to time direct  
14 to the fund, including, but not necessarily limited to, moneys derived from the following sources:

15 (1) There is imposed a surcharge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per vehicle or truck, other than  
16 those with specific registrations set forth below in subsection (b)(1)(i). Such surcharge shall be paid  
17 by each vehicle or truck owner in order to register that owner's vehicle or truck and upon each  
18 subsequent biennial registration. This surcharge shall be phased in at the rate of ten dollars (\$10.00)  
19 each year. The total surcharge will be ten dollars (\$10.00) from July 1, 2013, through June 30,  
20 2014, twenty dollars (\$20.00) from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, and thirty dollars (\$30.00)  
21 from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, and each year thereafter.

22 (i) For owners of vehicles or trucks with the following plate types, the surcharge shall be  
23 as set forth below and shall be paid in full in order to register the vehicle or truck and upon each  
24 subsequent renewal:

25 Plate Type	Surcharge
26 Antique	\$5.00
27 Farm	\$10.00
28 Motorcycle	\$13.00

29 (ii) For owners of trailers, the surcharge shall be one-half (1/2) of the biennial registration  
30 amount and shall be paid in full in order to register the trailer and upon each subsequent renewal.

31 (2) There is imposed a surcharge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per vehicle or truck, other than  
32 those with specific registrations set forth in subsection (b)(2)(i) below, for those vehicles or trucks  
33 subject to annual registration, to be paid annually by each vehicle or truck owner in order to register  
34 that owner's vehicle, trailer or truck and upon each subsequent annual registration. This surcharge

1 will be phased in at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) each year. The total surcharge will be five dollars  
2 (\$5.00) from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, ten dollars (\$10.00) from July 1, 2014, through  
3 June 30, 2015, and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, and each year  
4 thereafter.

5 (i) For registrations of the following plate types, the surcharge shall be as set forth below  
6 and shall be paid in full in order to register the plate, and upon each subsequent renewal:

7 Plate Type	Surcharge
8 Boat Dealer	\$6.25
9 Cycle Dealer	\$6.25
10 In-transit	\$5.00
11 Manufacturer	\$5.00
12 New Car Dealer	\$5.00
13 Used Car Dealer	\$5.00
14 Racer Tow	\$5.00
15 Transporter	\$5.00
16 Bailee	\$5.00

17 (ii) For owners of trailers, the surcharge shall be one-half (1/2) of the annual registration  
18 amount and shall be paid in full in order to register the trailer and upon each subsequent renewal.

19 (iii) For owners of school buses, the surcharge will be phased in at the rate of six dollars  
20 and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) each year. The total surcharge will be six dollars and twenty-five  
21 cents (\$6.25) from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, and twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50)  
22 from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, and each year thereafter.

23 (3) There is imposed a surcharge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per license to operate a motor  
24 vehicle to be paid every five (5) years by each licensed operator of a motor vehicle. This surcharge  
25 will be phased in at the rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) each year. The total surcharge will be ten dollars  
26 (\$10.00) from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, twenty dollars (\$20.00) from July 1, 2014,  
27 through June 30, 2015, and thirty dollars (\$30.00) from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, and  
28 each year thereafter. In the event that a license is issued or renewed for a period of less than five  
29 (5) years, the surcharge will be prorated according to the period of time the license will be valid.

30 (c) All funds collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Rhode Island  
31 highway maintenance account and shall be used only for the purposes set forth in this chapter.

32 (d) Unexpended balances and any earnings thereon shall not revert to the general fund but  
33 shall remain in the Rhode Island highway maintenance account. There shall be no requirement that  
34 monies received into the Rhode Island highway maintenance account during any given calendar

1 year or fiscal year be expended during the same calendar year or fiscal year.

2 (e) The Rhode Island highway maintenance account shall be administered by the director,  
3 who shall allocate and spend monies from the fund only in accordance with the purposes and  
4 procedures set forth in this chapter.

5 (4) All fees assessed pursuant to § 31-47.1-11, and chapters 3, 6, 10, and 10.1 of title 31,  
6 except for fees assessed pursuant to §§ 31-10-31(6) and (31)(8), shall be deposited into the Rhode  
7 Island highway maintenance account, provided that for fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2018 these fees  
8 be transferred as follows:

9 (i) From July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, twenty-five percent (25%) will be deposited;

10 (ii) From July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, fifty percent (50%) will be deposited; and

11 (iii) From July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018 ~~eighty percent (80%)~~ sixty percent (60%)  
12 will be deposited;

13 (iv) From July 1, 2018, and each year thereafter, one hundred percent (100%) will be  
14 deposited;

15 (5) All remaining funds from previous general obligation bond issues that have not  
16 otherwise been allocated.

17 SECTION 4. This article shall take effect upon passage.