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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - MISSING TITLES FOR OLDER VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Slater, Shanley, Diaz, and Almeida

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: House Corporations

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 designated as 2001 models and all  
5 subsequent model year vehicles. All vehicles designated as model years prior to 2001 shall be  
6 excluded from these provisions, provided that no title certificate shall be required once a vehicle  
7 is twenty (20) years old. Provided, however, that for all vehicles that are older than ten (10) years,  
8 but less than twenty (20) years old, and whose title certificate cannot be located, the owner may  
9 apply for a registration certificate pursuant to § 31-6-1(a)(13) which should state that the vehicle  
10 is at least ten (10) years old and identify the current registered owner of that vehicle for a fee of  
11 fifty dollars (\$50.00).

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would allow the owner of a vehicle that cannot locate a certificate of title for  
2 their vehicle, which is over ten (10) years, but less than twenty (20) years old to apply for a  
3 registration certificate which would state that the vehicle is at least ten (10) years old and identify  
4 the current registered owner(s) of that vehicle for a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fee.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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