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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION FEES

Introduced By: Representative Anastasia P. Williams

Date Introduced: March 01, 2017

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-6-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-6 entitled "Registration  
2 Fees" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-6-1. Amount of registration and miscellaneous fees. [Effective July 1, 2017.]**

4 (a) The following registration fees shall be paid to the division of motor vehicles for the  
5 registration of motor vehicles, trailers, semi-trailers, and school buses subject to registration for  
6 each year of registration:

7 (1) For the registration of every automobile, when equipped with pneumatic tires, the  
8 gross weight of which is not more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.): thirty dollars (\$30.00).

9 (2) For the registration of every automobile, when equipped with pneumatic tires, the  
10 gross weight of which is:

11 (i) More than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.), but not more than five thousand pounds  
12 (5,000 lbs.): forty dollars (\$40.00);

13 (ii) More than five thousand pounds (5,000 lbs.), but not more than six thousand pounds  
14 (6,000 lbs.): forty-eight dollars (\$48.00);

15 (iii) More than six thousand pounds (6,000 lbs.), but not more than seven thousand  
16 pounds (7,000 lbs.): fifty-six dollars (\$56.00);

17 (iv) More than seven thousand pounds (7,000 lbs.), but not more than eight thousand  
18 pounds (8,000 lbs.): sixty-four dollars (\$64.00);

19 (v) More than eight thousand pounds (8,000 lbs.), but not more than nine thousand

- 1 pounds (9,000 lbs.): seventy dollars (\$70.00);
- 2 (vi) More than nine thousand pounds (9,000 lbs.), but not more than ten thousand pounds  
3 (10,000 lbs.): seventy-eight dollars (\$78.00);
- 4 (vii) More than ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.), but not more than twelve thousand  
5 pounds (12,000 lbs.): one hundred six dollars (\$106);
- 6 (viii) More than twelve thousand pounds (12,000 lbs.), but not more than fourteen  
7 thousand pounds (14,000 lbs.): one hundred twenty-four dollars (\$124);
- 8 (ix) More than fourteen thousand pounds (14,000 lbs.), but not more than sixteen  
9 thousand pounds (16,000 lbs.): one hundred forty dollars (\$140);
- 10 (x) More than sixteen thousand pounds (16,000 lbs.), but not more than eighteen  
11 thousand pounds (18,000 lbs.): one hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$158);
- 12 (xi) More than eighteen thousand pounds (18,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty  
13 thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.): one hundred seventy-six dollars (\$176);
- 14 (xii) More than twenty thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-two  
15 thousand pounds (22,000 lbs.): one hundred ninety-four dollars (\$194);
- 16 (xiii) More than twenty-two thousand pounds (22,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-  
17 four thousand pounds (24,000 lbs.): two hundred ten dollars (\$210);
- 18 (xiv) More than twenty-four thousand pounds (24,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-six  
19 thousand pounds (26,000 lbs.): two hundred thirty dollars (\$230);
- 20 (xv) More than twenty-six thousand pounds (26,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-eight  
21 thousand pounds (28,000 lbs.): two hundred ninety-six dollars (\$296);
- 22 (xvi) More than twenty-eight thousand pounds (28,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty  
23 thousand pounds (30,000 lbs.): three hundred sixteen dollars (\$316);
- 24 (xvii) More than thirty thousand pounds (30,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-two  
25 thousand pounds (32,000 lbs.): four hundred and twenty-two dollars (\$422);
- 26 (xviii) More than thirty-two thousand pounds (32,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-four  
27 thousand pounds (34,000 lbs.): four hundred and forty-eight dollars (\$448);
- 28 (xix) More than thirty-four thousand pounds (34,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-six  
29 thousand pounds (36,000 lbs.): four hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$476);
- 30 (xx) More than thirty-six thousand pounds (36,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-eight  
31 thousand pounds (38,000 lbs.): five hundred and two dollars (\$502);
- 32 (xxi) More than thirty-eight thousand pounds (38,000 lbs.), but not more than forty  
33 thousand pounds (40,000 lbs.): five hundred and twenty-eight dollars (\$528);
- 34 (xxii) More than forty thousand pounds (40,000 lbs.), but not more than forty-two

1 thousand pounds (42,000 lbs.): five hundred and fifty-four dollars (\$554);

2 (xxiii) More than forty-two thousand pounds (42,000 lbs.), but not more than forty-six  
3 thousand pounds (46,000 lbs.): six hundred and eight dollars (\$608);

4 (xxiv) More than forty-six thousand pounds (46,000 lbs.), but not more than fifty  
5 thousand pounds (50,000 lbs.): six hundred and sixty dollars (\$660);

6 (xxv) More than fifty thousand pounds (50,000 lbs.), but not more than fifty-four  
7 thousand pounds (54,000 lbs.): seven hundred and twelve dollars (\$712);

8 (xxvi) More than fifty-four thousand pounds (54,000 lbs.), but not more than fifty-eight  
9 thousand pounds (58,000 lbs.): seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars (\$768);

10 (xxvii) More than fifty-eight thousand pounds (58,000 lbs.), but not more than sixty-two  
11 thousand pounds (62,000 lbs.): eight hundred and sixteen dollars (\$816);

12 (xxviii) More than sixty-two thousand pounds (62,000 lbs.), but not more than sixty-six  
13 thousand pounds (66,000 lbs.): eight hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$876);

14 (xxix) More than sixty-six thousand pounds (66,000 lbs.), but not more than seventy  
15 thousand pounds (70,000 lbs.): nine hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$924);

16 (xxx) More than seventy thousand pounds (70,000 lbs.), but not more than seventy-four  
17 thousand pounds (74,000 lbs.): nine hundred and seventy-two dollars (\$972);

18 (xxxi) Over seventy-four thousand pounds (74,000 lbs.): nine hundred and seventy-two  
19 dollars (\$972), plus twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) per two thousand pounds (2,000 lbs.) gross  
20 weight.

21 (3) For the registration of every semi-trailer to be used with a truck-tractor, as defined in  
22 § 31-1-4(d), shall be as follows: an annual fee of twelve dollars (\$12.00) for a one-year  
23 registration; for multi-year registrations the fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a five-year (5)  
24 registration; and eighty dollars (\$80.00) for an eight-year (8) registration. However, when in use,  
25 the weight of the resulting semi-trailer unit and its maximum carrying capacity shall not exceed  
26 the gross weight of the original semi-trailer unit from which the gross weight of the tractor was  
27 determined. A registration certificate and registration plate shall be issued for each semi-trailer so  
28 registered. There shall be no refund of payment of such fee, except that when a plate is returned  
29 prior to ninety (90) days before the effective date of that year's registration, the pro rate amount,  
30 based on the unused portion of the multi-year registration plate period at time of surrender, shall  
31 be refunded. A multi-year semi-trailer registration may be transferred to another semi-trailer  
32 subject to the provisions and fee set forth in § 31-6-11. Thirty percent (30%) of the semi-trailer  
33 registration fee shall be retained by the division of motor vehicles to defray the costs of  
34 implementation of the international registration plan (IRP) and fleet registration section.

1 (4) For the registration of every automobile, when equipped with other than pneumatic  
2 tires, there shall be added to the above gross weight fees a charge of ten cents (10¢) for each one  
3 hundred pounds (100 lbs.) of gross weight.

4 (5) For the registration of every public bus, the rates provided for motor vehicles for hire  
5 plus two dollars (\$2.00) for each passenger that bus is rated to carry, the rating to be determined  
6 by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles.

7 (6) For the registration of every motorcycle, or motor-driven cycle, thirteen dollars  
8 (\$13.00). Three dollars (\$3.00) from that sum shall be turned over to the department of education  
9 to assist in the payment of the cost of the motorcycle driver's education program as enumerated in  
10 § 31-10.1-1.1.

11 (7) For the registration of every trailer, not including semi-trailers used with a truck-  
12 tractor as defined in § 31-1-4(d), with a gross weight of three thousand pounds (3,000 lbs.) or  
13 less, five dollars (\$5.00). Trailers with a gross weight of more than three thousand pounds (3,000  
14 lbs.) shall be assessed a registration fee of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per thousand pounds  
15 (1,000 lbs.).

16 (8) The annual registration fee for a motor vehicle, commonly described as a boxcar  
17 and/or locomotive, and used only by La Societe Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux for civic  
18 demonstration, parades, convention purposes, or social welfare work, shall be two dollars (\$2.00).

19 (9) For the registration of every motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer owned by any  
20 department or agency of any city or town or district, provided the name of the city or town or  
21 district or state department or agency owning the same shall be plainly printed on two (2) sides of  
22 the vehicle, two dollars (\$2.00).

23 (10) For the registration of motor vehicles used for racing, fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

24 (11) For every duplicate registration certificate, seventeen dollars (\$17.00).

25 (12) For every certified copy of a registration certificate or application, ten dollars  
26 (\$10.00).

27 (13) For every certificate assigning a special identification number or mark as provided in  
28 § 31-3-37, one dollar (\$1.00).

29 (14) For every replacement of number plates or additional pair of number plates, without  
30 changing the number, thirty dollars (\$30.00).

31 (15) For the registration of every farm vehicle, used in farming as provided in § 31-3-31:  
32 ten dollars (\$10.00).

33 (16) ~~For the registration of antique motor vehicles, five dollars (\$5.00).~~

34 (17) For the registration of a suburban vehicle, when used as a pleasure vehicle and the

1 gross weight of which is not more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.), the same rates as  
2 charged in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be applicable and when used as a commercial  
3 vehicle and the gross weight of which is not more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.), the  
4 same rates as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be applicable. The rates in  
5 subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be applicable when the suburban vehicle has a gross  
6 weight of more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.), regardless of the use of the vehicle.

7 (18) For the registration of every motor bus that is used exclusively under contract with a  
8 political subdivision or school district of the state for the transportation of school children,  
9 twenty-five dollars (\$25); provided that the motor bus may also be used for the transportation of  
10 persons to and from church and Sunday school services, and for the transportation of children to  
11 and from educational or recreational projects sponsored by a city or town or by any association or  
12 organization supported wholly or in part by public or private donations for charitable purposes,  
13 without the payment of additional registration fee.

14 (19) For the registration of every motorized bicycle, ten dollars (\$10.00).

15 (20) For the registration of every motorized tricycle, ten dollars (\$10.00).

16 (21) For the replacement of number plates with a number change, twenty dollars  
17 (\$20.00).

18 (22) For the initial issuance and each reissuance of fully reflective plates, as required by  
19 §§ 31-3-10 and 31-3-32, an additional six dollars (\$6.00).

20 (23) For the issuance of a trip permit under the International Registration Plan, twenty-  
21 five dollars (\$25.00) per vehicle. The division of motor vehicles is authorized to issue seventy-  
22 two-hour (72) trip permits for vehicles required to be registered in the International Registration  
23 Plan that have not been apportioned with the state of Rhode Island.

24 (24) For the issuance of a hunter's permit under the International Registration Plan,  
25 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per vehicle. The division of motor vehicles is authorized to issue  
26 hunter's permits for motor vehicles based in the state of Rhode Island and otherwise required to  
27 be registered in the International Registration Plan. These permits are valid for thirty (30) days.

28 (25) For the registration of a specially adapted motor vehicle necessary to transport a  
29 family member with a disability for personal, noncommercial use, a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00)  
30 assessed.

31 (b) In the event that the registrant voluntarily cancels his or her registration within the  
32 period of registration, the division of motor vehicles shall refund only that portion of the fee paid  
33 that represents full-year segments of the registration fee paid.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require the owners of antique motor vehicles to register them at a fee  
2 based upon the vehicle's weight.

3           This act would take effect July 1, 2017.

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