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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - DEALERS', MANUFACTURERS' AND  
RENTAL LICENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Nunes, Lima, Phillips, and Casey

Date Introduced: January 14, 2014

Referred To: House Small Business

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Sections 31-5-7, 31-5-8, 31-5-22 and 31-5-34 of the General Laws in  
2 Chapter 31-5 entitled "Dealers', Manufacturers', and Rental Licenses" are hereby amended to read  
3 as follows:

4           **31-5-7. Duration of license.** -- Application for license shall be made to the department.  
5 Licenses shall be valid, unless sooner revoked or suspended, until December 31st of each year for  
6 one year and shall be renewable on or before expiration, upon application and payment of the fee  
7 required by this chapter.

8           Commencing January 1, 2015, licenses shall be valid, unless sooner revoked or  
9 suspended, until December 31, 2017, and shall be renewable thereafter every three (3) years.

10           **31-5-8. License fee.** -- The license fee for each year shall be as follows: the fee for the  
11 license to each motor vehicle dealer shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) plus a fee in like  
12 amount for each office or branch.

13           Commencing January 1, 2015 the license fee for the three (3) year license duration shall  
14 be nine hundred dollars (\$900) payable in installments of three hundred dollars (\$300) per year.

15           **31-5-22. Application for license -- Fee -- Expiration.** -- (a) Any person desiring to be  
16 licensed as a manufacturer, factory representative, or distributor shall apply to the department of  
17 revenue upon a form containing any information that the department shall require. The  
18 department may require with the application or, otherwise, information relating to the applicant's

1 solvency, his or her financial standing, or other pertinent matter commensurate with the  
2 safeguarding of the public interest, all of which may be considered by the department in  
3 determining the fitness of the applicant to engage in the business for which the applicant desires  
4 the license.

5 (b) Each application of a factory representative shall be accompanied by a fee of one  
6 hundred dollars (\$100). Commencing January 1, 2015 the factory representative license fee for  
7 the three (3) year license duration shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) and shall be payable in  
8 installments of one hundred dollars (\$100) per year. Each application of a manufacturer or  
9 distributor shall be accompanied by a fee of three hundred dollars (\$300). Commencing January  
10 1, 2015 the manufacturers or distributors license fee for the three (3) year license duration shall  
11 be nine hundred dollars (\$900) and shall be payable in installments of three hundred dollars  
12 (\$300) per year.

13 (c) All licenses shall be granted or refused within thirty (30) days after the application is  
14 filed and shall expire, unless revoked or suspended before that time, on December 31st of the  
15 calendar year for which they are granted. Commencing January 1, 2015, licenses shall be valid,  
16 unless sooner revoked or suspended, until December 31, 2017 and shall be renewable thereafter  
17 every three (3) years.

18 **31-5-34. Application for license -- Fee -- Expiration. --** (a) Any person, firm, or  
19 corporation requiring a license pursuant to this chapter shall apply to the department upon a form  
20 specifying any information that the department shall require. The department may require with an  
21 application, or otherwise, information relating to the applicant's solvency, his or her or its  
22 financial standing, or any other matter which the department may deem pertinent to safeguard the  
23 public interest, all of which may be considered by the department in determining the fitness of the  
24 applicant to be licensed pursuant to this chapter. Each application shall be accompanied by a fee  
25 of one hundred dollars (\$100). All licenses shall be granted or refused within thirty (30) days  
26 after the application, and shall expire, unless sooner revoked or suspended, on December 31 of  
27 the calendar year for which they are granted. Commencing January 1, 2015, licenses shall be  
28 valid, unless sooner revoked or suspended, until December 31, 2017 and shall be renewable  
29 thereafter every three (3) years. Commencing January 1, 2015 the license fee for the three (3)  
30 year license duration shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) and shall be payable in installments of  
31 one hundred dollars (\$100) per year.

32 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or public law to the contrary, the  
33 authority to issue licenses for the rental or leasing of motorized bicycles and/or motorized  
34 tricycles in the town of New Shoreham shall be vested exclusively in the town council of the

1 town of New Shoreham pursuant to the provisions of chapter 19.3 of title 31.

2 SECTION 2. Section 31-3-25 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration  
3 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **31-3-25. Issuance of dealer's plates.** – (a) The division of motor vehicles shall issue  
5 special "dealer's plates" as applied for, which shall have displayed on them the general  
6 distinguishing number assigned to the applicant. Each plate so issued shall also contain a number  
7 or symbol identifying the plate from every other plate bearing the same general distinguishing  
8 number. The division of motor vehicles shall issue dealer's plates every three (3) years in clearly  
9 distinguishable colors, one color to be used by new vehicle dealers, another color for used  
10 vehicles dealers, and another color for transporter and bailee plates. The color for each category  
11 enumerated in this section, shall be changed every three (3) years with the issuance of the plates,  
12 and vehicle identification devices will be provided annually.

13 (b) The dealer plate issuance scheduled for January 1, 2017 shall be deferred until  
14 January 1, 2018 to coincide with the dealer license renewal cycle.

15 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow dealers, manufacturers, distributors and leasing companies to renew  
2 their licenses every three (3) years instead of renewing every year. License fees remain  
3 unchanged but are allowed to be paid on a yearly basis.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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