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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Noret, Serpa, Lima, and Hawkins

Date Introduced: January 16, 2020

Referred To: House Special Legislation

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 31-3 of the General Laws entitled "Registration of Vehicles" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **31-3-121. Special plate for Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to**  
4 **Animals.**

5           (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available  
6 special motor vehicle registration plates for the not-for-profit corporation Rhode Island Society  
7 for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("RISPCA"). The plates shall be designed to reference  
8 Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, commemorating its one hundred  
9 fifty (150) years of service.

10          (b) The special plate shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned to the  
11 vehicle for which it was issued, and shall be used in place of and in the same manner as the  
12 registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration plates for the vehicle shall be  
13 removed from the vehicle and returned to the division of motor vehicles. The registration  
14 certificate for the plates shall be carried in the vehicle, in accordance with § 31-3-9. The  
15 registration certificate shall be in effect for the special plate.

16          (c) The RISPCA motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as regular motor vehicle  
17 plates, and shall be designed by the RISPCA in conjunction with the division of motor vehicles,  
18 with the design approved by the Rhode Island state police.

19          (d) The RISPCA plates shall be subject to a minimum pre-paid order of at least six

1 hundred (600) sets of plates per plate type (i.e. passenger, commercial, etc.). The RISPCA plates  
2 shall not be issued unless the minimum order(s) requirements are met. The initial order will be  
3 handled by the RISPCA, and shall not be submitted to the division of motor vehicles for  
4 production until the minimum order(s) have been met and the proper paperwork submitted to the  
5 division.

6 (e) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles shall develop application forms,  
7 pre-payment procedures, and any other procedures deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of  
8 this section.

9 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, the RISPCA plates  
10 shall be subject to a forty-dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

11 (g) The forty-dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows:

12 Twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty  
13 dollars (\$20.00) shall be distributed annually to the RISPCA to assist in the furtherance of its  
14 programs in the state of Rhode Island.

15 (h) The RISPCA will be required to submit an annual accounting report before such  
16 monies are distributed.

17 (i) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of RISPCA plates.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would authorize the issuance of special motor vehicle registration plates for the
- 2 Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RISPCA).
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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