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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representative Donald J. Lally

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-3-89 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration  
2 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~31-3-89. Law Enforcement Memorial license plates. — Rhode Island law enforcement~~  
4 ~~memorial benefit fund license plates.~~ -- (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles  
5 is empowered to make available special motor vehicle registration plates honoring law  
6 enforcement officers that have been killed in the line of duty. The plate shall be designed to  
7 reference [Rhode Island](#) Law Enforcement Memorial [Benefit Fund](#) plates.

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

14 (c) The special motor vehicle plate shall be the same size as regular motor vehicle plates  
15 and shall be designed in conjunction with the division of motor vehicles and with the final  
16 approval from the Rhode Island state police.

17 (d) [Rhode Island](#) Law Enforcement Memorial [Benefit Fund](#) plates shall be subject to a  
18 minimum pre-paid order of at least nine hundred (900) sets of plates. [Rhode Island](#) Law  
19 Enforcement Memorial [Benefit Fund](#) plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order

1 requirements are met.

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

5 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, [Rhode Island](#) Law  
6 Enforcement Memorial [Benefit Fund](#) plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance  
7 surcharge.

8 (g) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be as follows: twenty dollars  
9 (\$20.00) shall be deposited in the division of motor vehicles manufacturing account, and the  
10 remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the [Rhode Island](#) Law Enforcement  
11 Memorial [Benefit](#) Fund.

12 (h) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of [Rhode Island](#) Law Enforcement  
13 Memorial [Benefit Fund](#) plates.

14 (i) A five dollar (\$5.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated  
15 to the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Memorial Benefit Fund.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would amend the Law Enforcement Memorial License Plates to be hereinafter  
2 called the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Memorial Benefit Fund License Plates.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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