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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Fenton-Fung, and Nardone

Date Introduced: February 15, 2024

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           **31-3-127. Special plate for Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island.**

4           (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available  
5 special motor vehicle registration plates for the not-for-profit entity Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode  
6 Island. The plates shall be designed to reference the not-for-profit entity Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode  
7 Island.

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

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

18           (d) The Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island plates shall be subject to compliance with § 31-  
19 3-117 relating to the number of minimum prepaid orders of plates per plate type (i.e. passenger,

1 commercial etc.) and any required payment. The Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island plates shall not  
2 be issued unless the minimum order(s) requirements are met. The initial order will be handled by  
3 Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island and shall not be submitted to the division of motor vehicles for  
4 production until the minimum order(s) has been met and the proper paperwork submitted to the  
5 division.

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

8 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fees, the Dyslexia  
9 Advocacy Rhode Island plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

10 (g) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: Twenty  
11 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)  
12 shall be distributed annually to Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island to assist in the fiscal needs and in  
13 furtherance of its mission.

14 (h) A ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated  
15 to Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island.

16 (i) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of the Dyslexia Advocacy  
17 Rhode Island license plate, Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island must use any Rhode Island sourced  
18 funds in and for the benefit of Rhode Island based charitable organizations to benefit dyslexic  
19 children, through tuition grants and teacher reimbursement for Orton-Gillingham training.

20 (j) Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island will be required to submit an annual accounting report  
21 before such monies are distributed.

22 (k) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island  
23 plates.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect six months after passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would permit Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island plates to be issued for passenger  
2 or commercial vehicles upon the satisfaction of the required criteria relative to the number of plates  
3 ordered.

4           This act would take effect six months after passage.

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