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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senators P Fogarty, Goodwin, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 31-3-3.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration  
2 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **31-3-3.1. Notice to division of motor vehicles of vehicle lease agreement.** -- (a) Every  
4 owner of a vehicle subject to registration or renewal of registration under this chapter shall notify  
5 the division of motor vehicles, at the time of registration of the vehicle and then not more  
6 frequently than once every twenty-four (24) months, on the proper registration form, of any  
7 agreement to lease the registered vehicle for ~~a~~ the initial period of six (6) months duration, or  
8 longer, except for those commercial motor vehicles covered under the federal motor carrier safety  
9 regulations, 49 CFR Part 390 as may be amended from time to time.

10           (b) The division of motor vehicles shall cause the name and address of the lessee as well  
11 as the owner of the vehicle to be entered on the division of motor vehicles records as provided in  
12 this chapter.

13           (c) The name and address of both the owner and lessee shall be made available by the  
14 division of motor vehicles upon a registration inquiry from any law enforcement officer,  
15 department, or agency.

16           SECTION 2. Section 31-3-33 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration  
17 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

18           **31-3-33. Renewal of registration.** -- (a) Application for renewal of a vehicle registration  
19 shall be made by the owner on a proper application form and by payment of the registration fee

1 for the vehicle as provided by law.

2 (b) The division of motor vehicles may receive applications for renewal of registration,  
3 and may grant the renewal and issue new registration cards and plates at any time prior to  
4 expiration of registration.

5 (c) Upon renewal, owners will be issued a renewal sticker for each registration plate  
6 which shall be placed at the bottom right hand corner of the plate. Owners shall be issued a new  
7 fully reflective plate beginning September 1, 2015 at the time of initial registration or at the  
8 renewal of an existing registration and reissuance will be conducted no less than every ten (10)  
9 years.

10 (d) Any registration plate issued by the division of motor vehicles for any leased or  
11 rented motor vehicle shall be for a term of no less than two (2) years.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require registration plates issued by the department of motor vehicles for
- 2 leased or rented vehicles to be for a term of no less than two (2) years.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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