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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- GOLD STAR FAMILIES

Introduced By: Senators Lynch Prata, and Gallo

Date Introduced: March 09, 2017

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

(Office of Veterans Affairs)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-3-111 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled
2 "Registration of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-3-111. ~~Gold Star Parents~~ Gold Star Families.**

4 (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is authorized and directed to issue
5 a special registration plate for the motor vehicles of all eligible members of a Gold Star ~~Parents~~
6 Family.

7 (b) For the purpose of this section, "Gold Star ~~Parents~~ Family" means a person ~~who has~~
8 ~~lost a son or a daughter as a result of service with the armed forces of the United States of~~
9 ~~America~~ eligible to receive a gold star lapel button as defined in 10 U.S.C. §1126; provided, the
10 death was determined to be in the line of duty.

11 (c) The ~~special plate designated "Gold Star Parent" shall be designed as follows:~~ Gold
12 Star Family motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as regular motor vehicle plates, and shall
13 be designed by Gold Star Family members who are Rhode Island residents in conjunction with
14 the division of motor vehicles, with design approval by the Rhode Island state police.

15 (1) ~~Letters and numbers shall be blue in a white background with the words "Rhode~~
16 ~~Island" clearly visible at the top center of the plate.~~

17 (2) ~~The background will be a red, white, and blue waving American Flag.~~

18 (3) ~~The top right corner is to bear the identification "Gold Star Parent".~~

19 (d) The applicant shall not be required to pay a service charge or a transfer charge for

1 each plate.

2 (e) ~~The applicant shall be entitled to a plate for each vehicle owned by the applicant~~ Only
3 one set of "Gold Star Family" plates shall be issued to an eligible family member and only after
4 satisfactory documentation of eligibility is presented.

5 (f) The owner of a motor vehicle eligible for registration as a commercial vehicle and
6 having a gross weight of twelve thousand pounds (12,000 lbs.) or less who is issued Gold Star
7 ~~Parent~~ Family plates shall continue to pay the appropriate commercial registration fee for those
8 plates. The owner of a motor vehicle eligible for registration as a commercial vehicle having a
9 gross weight of six thousand three hundred pounds (6,300 lbs.), but not more than twelve
10 thousand pounds (12,000 lbs.), shall sign an affidavit at the time of application for said plates
11 stating that the vehicle is to be used for personal use only.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would expand eligibility for a special license plate for Gold Star Families.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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