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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, and Crowley

Date Introduced: March 06, 2013

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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 **31-3-94. Special plate for the wildlife rehabilitators association of Rhode Island**  
4 **(WRARI). -- (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make**  
5 **available special motor vehicle registration plates for the not-for-profit Wildlife Rehabilitators**  
6 **Association of Rhode Island. The plates shall be designed to reference Wildlife Rehabilitators**  
7 **Association of Rhode Island.**

8 **(b) The special plates 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 returned to the division of motor vehicles. The registration**  
12 **certificate for the plates shall be carried in the vehicle, in accordance with section 31-3-9. The**  
13 **registration certificate shall be in effect for the special plate.**

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

18 **(d) The Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island plates shall be subject to a**  
19 **minimum prepaid order of at least nine hundred (900) sets of plates per plate type (i.e. passenger,**

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

6 (e) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles shall develop prepayment  
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 Wildlife  
9 Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00)  
10 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 to the Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island to  
14 help further their efforts in caring injured and orphaned wildlife. All of the money raised shall be  
15 spent in Rhode Island.

16 (h) The Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island will be required to submit an  
17 annual accounting report before such monies are distributed.

18 (i) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of the Wildlife Rehabilitators  
19 Association of Rhode Island plates.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1 This act would provide for the issuance of a special license plate benefitting the Wildlife
- 2 Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island, and would set the terms and conditions for same.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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