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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION - FEES

Introduced By: Senators Tassoni, Jabour, and Doyle

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Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-6-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-6 entitled "Registration
2 Fees" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-6-1. Amount of registration and miscellaneous fees.** -- (a) The following
4 registration fees shall be paid to the division of motor vehicles for the registration of motor
5 vehicles, trailers, semi-trailers, and school buses subject to registration for each year of
6 registration:

7 (1) For the registration of every automobile, when equipped with pneumatic tires, the
8 gross weight of which is not more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.): thirty dollars (\$30.00).

9 (2) For the registration of every motor truck or tractor when equipped with pneumatic
10 tires, the gross weight of which is not more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.): thirty-four
11 dollars (\$34.00).

12 (3) For the registration of every automobile, motor truck or tractor, when equipped with
13 pneumatic tires, the gross weight of which is:

14 (i) More than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.), but not more than five thousand pounds
15 (5,000 lbs.): forty dollars (\$40.00);

16 (ii) More than five thousand pounds (5,000 lbs.), but not more than six thousand pounds
17 (6,000 lbs.): forty-eight dollars (\$48.00);

18 (iii) More than six thousand pounds (6,000 lbs.), but not more than seven thousand
19 pounds (7,000 lbs.): fifty-six dollars (\$56.00);

1 (iv) More than seven thousand pounds (7,000 lbs.), but not more than eight thousand
2 pounds (8,000 lbs.): sixty-four dollars (\$64.00);

3 (v) More than eight thousand pounds (8,000 lbs.), but not more than nine thousand
4 pounds (9,000 lbs.): seventy dollars (\$70.00);

5 (vi) More than nine thousand pounds (9,000 lbs.), but not more than ten thousand pounds
6 (10,000 lbs.): seventy-eight dollars (\$78.00);

7 (vii) More than ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.), but not more than twelve thousand
8 pounds (12,000 lbs.): one hundred six dollars (\$106);

9 (viii) More than twelve thousand pounds (12,000 lbs.), but not more than fourteen
10 thousand pounds (14,000 lbs.): one hundred twenty-four dollars (\$124);

11 (ix) More than fourteen thousand pounds (14,000 lbs.), but not more than sixteen
12 thousand pounds (16,000 lbs.): one hundred forty dollars (\$140);

13 (x) More than sixteen thousand pounds (16,000 lbs.), but not more than eighteen
14 thousand pounds (18,000 lbs.): one hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$158);

15 (xi) More than eighteen thousand pounds (18,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty
16 thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.): one hundred seventy-six dollars (\$176);

17 (xii) More than twenty thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-two
18 thousand pounds (22,000 lbs.): one hundred ninety-four dollars (\$194);

19 (xiii) More than twenty-two thousand pounds (22,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-
20 four thousand pounds (24,000 lbs.): two hundred ten dollars (\$210);

21 (xiv) More than twenty-four thousand pounds (24,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-six
22 thousand pounds (26,000 lbs.): two hundred thirty dollars (\$230);

23 (xv) More than twenty-six thousand pounds (26,000 lbs.), but not more than twenty-eight
24 thousand pounds (28,000 lbs.): two hundred ninety-six dollars (\$296);

25 (xvi) More than twenty-eight thousand pounds (28,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty
26 thousand pounds (30,000 lbs.): three hundred sixteen dollars (\$316);

27 (xvii) More than thirty thousand pounds (30,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-two
28 thousand pounds (32,000 lbs.): four hundred and twenty-two dollars (\$422);

29 (xviii) More than thirty-two thousand pounds (32,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-four
30 thousand pounds (34,000 lbs.): four hundred and forty-eight dollars (\$448);

31 (xix) More than thirty-four thousand pounds (34,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-six
32 thousand pounds (36,000 lbs.): four hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$476);

33 (xx) More than thirty-six thousand pounds (36,000 lbs.), but not more than thirty-eight
34 thousand pounds (38,000 lbs.): five hundred and two dollars (\$502);

1 (xxi) More than thirty-eight thousand pounds (38,000 lbs.), but not more than forty
2 thousand pounds (40,000 lbs.): five hundred and twenty-eight dollars (\$528);

3 (xxii) More than forty thousand pounds (40,000 lbs.), but not more than forty-two
4 thousand pounds (42,000 lbs.): five hundred and fifty-four dollars (\$554);

5 (xxiii) More than forty-two thousand pounds (42,000 lbs.), but not more than forty-six
6 thousand pounds (46,000 lbs.): six hundred and eight dollars (\$608);

7 (xxiv) More than forty-six thousand pounds (46,000 lbs.), but not more than fifty
8 thousand pounds (50,000 lbs.): six hundred and sixty dollars (\$660);

9 (xxv) More than fifty thousand pounds (50,000 lbs.), but not more than fifty-four
10 thousand pounds (54,000 lbs.): seven hundred and twelve dollars (\$712);

11 (xxvi) More than fifty-four thousand pounds (54,000 lbs.), but not more than fifty-eight
12 thousand pounds (58,000 lbs.): seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars (\$768);

13 (xxvii) More than fifty-eight thousand pounds (58,000 lbs.), but not more than sixty-two
14 thousand pounds (62,000 lbs.): eight hundred and sixteen dollars (\$816);

15 (xxviii) More than sixty-two thousand pounds (62,000 lbs.), but not more than sixty-six
16 thousand pounds (66,000 lbs.): eight hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$876);

17 (xxix) More than sixty-six thousand pounds (66,000 lbs.), but not more than seventy
18 thousand pounds (70,000 lbs.): nine hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$924);

19 (xxx) More than seventy thousand pounds (70,000 lbs.), but not more than seventy-four
20 thousand pounds (74,000 lbs.): nine hundred and seventy-two dollars (\$972);

21 (xxxi) Over seventy-four thousand pounds (74,000 lbs.): nine hundred and seventy-two
22 dollars (\$972), plus twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) per two thousand pounds (2,000 lbs.) gross
23 weight.

24 (4) For the registration of every semi-trailer to be used with a truck-tractor as defined in
25 section 31-1-4(a) shall be as follows annual fee of twelve dollars (\$12.00) for a one year
26 registration, for multi-year registrations the fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a five (5) year
27 registration and eighty dollars (\$80.00) for an eight (8) year registration. However, when in use
28 the weight of the resulting semi-trailer unit and its maximum carrying capacity shall not exceed
29 the gross weight of the original semi-trailer unit from which the gross weight of the tractor was
30 determined. A registration certificate and registration plate shall be issued for each semi-trailer so
31 registered. There shall be no refund of payment of such fee, except that when a plate is returned
32 prior to ninety (90) days before the effective date of that year's registration, the pro rate amount,
33 based on the unused portion of the multi-year registration plate period at time of surrender, shall
34 be refunded. A multi-year semi-trailer registration may be transferred to another semi-trailer

1 subject to the provisions and fee set forth in section 31-6-11. Thirty percent (30%) of the semi-
2 trailer registration fee shall be retained by the division of motor vehicles to defray the costs of
3 implementation of the international registration plan (IRP) and fleet registration section.

4 (5) For the registration of every automobile, motor truck, or tractor, when equipped with
5 other than pneumatic tires, there shall be added to the above gross weight fees a charge of ten
6 cents (10/c) for each one hundred (100) pounds of gross weight.

7 (6) For the registration of every public bus, the rates provided for motor vehicles for hire
8 plus two dollars (\$2.00) for each passenger which that bus is rated to carry, the rating to be
9 determined by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles.

10 (7) For the registration of every motorcycle, or motor-driven cycle, thirteen dollars
11 (\$13.00). Three dollars (\$3.00) from that sum shall be turned over to the department of ~~education~~
12 transportation to assist in the subsidizing ~~payment~~ of ~~the cost of~~ the motorcycle driver's education
13 ~~program~~ as enumerated in section 31-10.1-1.1.

14 (8) For the registration of every trailer not including semi-trailers used with a truck-
15 tractor as defined in section 31-1-4(a), with a gross weight of three thousand pounds (3,000 lbs.)
16 or less, five dollars (\$5.00). Trailers with a gross weight of more than three thousand pounds
17 (3,000 lbs.) shall be assessed a registration fee of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per thousand
18 pounds (1,000 lbs.).

19 (9) The annual registration fee for a motor vehicle, commonly described as a boxcar
20 and/or locomotive, and used only by la societe des 40 hommes et 8 chevaux for civic
21 demonstration, parades, convention purposes or social welfare work, shall be two dollars (\$2.00).

22 (10) For the registration of every motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer owned by any
23 department or agency of any city or town or district, provided the name of the city or town or
24 district or state department or agency owning the same shall be plainly printed on two (2) sides of
25 the vehicle, two dollars (\$2.00).

26 (11) For the registration of motor vehicles used for racing, fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

27 (12) For every duplicate registration certificate, seventeen dollars (\$17.00).

28 (13) For every certified copy of a registration certificate or application, ten dollars
29 (\$10.00).

30 (14) For every certificate assigning a special identification number or mark as provided
31 in section 31-3-37, one dollar (\$1.00).

32 (15) For every replacement of number plates or additional pair of number plates, without
33 changing the number, thirty dollars (\$30.00).

34 (16) For the registration of every farm vehicle, used in farming as provided in section

1 31-3-31, ten dollars (\$10.00).

2 (17) For the registration of antique motor vehicles, five dollars (\$5.00).

3 (18) For the registration of a suburban vehicle, when used as a pleasure vehicle and the
4 gross weight of which is not more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.), the same rates as
5 charged in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be applicable and when used as a commercial
6 vehicle and the gross weight of which is not more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.), the
7 same rates as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be applicable. The rates in
8 subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be applicable when the suburban vehicle has a gross
9 weight of more than four thousand pounds (4,000 lbs.), regardless of the use of the vehicle.

10 (19) For the registration of every motor bus which is used exclusively under contract
11 with a political subdivision or school district of the state for the transportation of school children,
12 three dollars (\$3.00) provided that the motor bus may also be used for the transportation of
13 persons to and from church and Sunday school services, and for the transportation of children to
14 and from educational or recreational projects sponsored by a city or town or by any association or
15 organization supported wholly or in part by public or private donations for charitable purposes,
16 without the payment of additional registration fee.

17 (20) For the registration of every motorized bicycle, ten dollars (\$10.00).

18 (21) For the registration of every motorized tricycle, ten dollars (\$10.00).

19 (22) For the replacement of number plates with a number change, twenty dollars
20 (\$20.00).

21 (23) For the initial issuance and each reissuance of fully reflective plates as required by
22 sections 31-3-10 and 31-3-32, an additional six dollars (\$6.00).

23 (24) For the issuance of a trip permit under the International Registration Plan, twenty-
24 five dollars (\$25.00) per vehicle. The division of motor vehicles is authorized to issue seventy-
25 two (72) hour trip permits for vehicles required to be registered in the International Registration
26 Plan that have not been apportioned with the state of Rhode Island.

27 (25) For the issuance of a hunter's permit under the International Registration Plan,
28 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per vehicle. The division of motor vehicles is authorized to issue
29 hunter's permits for motor vehicles based in the state of Rhode Island and otherwise required to
30 be registered in the International Registration Plan. These permits are valid for thirty (30) days.

31 (26) For the registration of a specially adapted motor vehicle necessary to transport a
32 family member with a disability for personal, noncommercial use, a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00)
33 assessed.

34 (b) In the event that the registrant voluntarily cancels his registration within the period of

1 registration, the division of motor vehicles shall refund only that portion of the fee paid which
2 represents full-year segments of the registration fee paid.

3 SECTION 2. Section 31-10-31 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-10 entitled "Operators'
4 and Chauffeurs' Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 **31-10-31. Fees. --** The following fees shall be paid to the division of motor vehicles:

6 (1) (a) For every operator's first license to operate a motor vehicle, twenty-five dollars
7 (\$25.00);

8 (b) For every operator's first license to operate a motor vehicle with a motorcycle
9 operator endorsement, twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00). Three dollars (\$3.00) from that sum shall be
10 turned over the department of transportation to assist in the subsidizing of motorcycle driver's
11 education as enumerated in section 31-10.1-1.1.

12 (2) For every chauffeur's first license, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); provided, that when
13 a Rhode Island licensed operator transfers to a chauffeur's license, the fee for the transfer shall be
14 two dollars (\$2.00);

15 (3) For every learner's permit to operate a motorcycle, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);

16 (4) For every operator's first license to operate a motorcycle, twenty-five dollars
17 (\$25.00);

18 (5) For every renewal of an operator's or chauffeur's license, thirty dollars (\$30.00); with
19 the exception of any person seventy (70) years of age or older for whom the renewal fee will be
20 eight dollars (\$8.00);

21 (6) For every duplicate operator's or chauffeur's license, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);

22 (7) For every road test, other than the road test included in the first license examination,
23 two dollars (\$2.00);

24 (8) For every certified copy of any license, permit, or application issued under this
25 chapter, ten dollars (\$10.00);

26 (9) For every duplicate instruction permit, ten dollars (\$10.00);

27 (10) For every first license examination, five dollars (\$5.00);

28 (11) For every routine information update, i.e., name change or address change, five
29 dollars (\$5.00).

30 (12) For surrender of an out-of-state license, in addition to the above fees, five dollars
31 (\$5.00).

32 SECTION 3. Sections 31-10.1-1.1 and 31-10.1-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-10.1
33 entitled "Special License for Motorcycles, Motor Scooters, and Other Motor Driven Cycles" are
34 hereby amended to read as follows:

1 **31-10.1-1.1. Motorcycle driver education program.** -- ~~(a) The board of governors for~~
2 ~~higher education and the office of higher education shall provide a minimum of six (6) and up to~~
3 ~~a maximum of twenty (20) hours of classroom instruction and/or on the road driver training, as~~
4 ~~determined by the department, for applicants or prospective applicants for a first motorcycle~~
5 ~~operator's license under this chapter. Instruction shall be given by a person eligible for a teacher's~~
6 ~~certificate issued under the authority of the state board of regents. No person teaching classroom~~
7 ~~or on the road instruction under this section shall own, be employed by, or be associated with a~~
8 ~~commercial driving school.~~

9 ~~(b) Motorcycle driver education programs shall be available to any eligible resident~~
10 ~~applicant holding a valid Rhode Island motor vehicle operator's license.~~

11 ~~(c) The board of governors for higher education shall establish any fees that are deemed~~
12 ~~necessary to support this program.~~

13 ~~(d) The board of governors for higher education and the office of higher education are~~
14 ~~authorized to establish regulations to further implement this section.~~

15 (a) Department of transportation – The office on highway safety shall review and approve
16 a minimum of six (6), and up to a maximum of twenty (20) hours of classroom instruction and/or
17 on the range training, as determined by the department, for applicants for a first motorcycle
18 operator's license under this chapter. Instruction shall be given by a person eligible for a
19 motorcycle instructor's certification as provided by an approved agency.

20 (b) The courses are to be provided by an approved agency that meets the requirements of
21 a professional driving school. The department shall review, monitor and issue approval on an
22 annual basis to those schools that offer motorcycle education.

23 (c) Fees charged to the students shall be subsidized fifty dollars (\$50.00) per student
24 payable to the contractor.

25 **31-10.1-3. Examination.** -- (a) All applicants for a motorcycle, motor scooter, or motor-
26 driven cycle license, except those exempted in this chapter, shall pass a ~~written~~, vision, ~~road sign~~,
27 and road test as prescribed by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles ~~in a vehicle~~
28 ~~supplied by the applicant.~~

29 ~~(b) An applicant who within six (6) months of having been certified by the department of~~
30 ~~elementary and secondary education as having passed a written examination, road sign, and road~~
31 ~~test administered by that department, shall, upon completion of an eyesight test by the division of~~
32 ~~motor vehicles, be considered in compliance with this section.~~

33 All applicants must successfully complete an approved motorcycle driver education
34 program as described in section 31-10.1-1.1.

1 SECTION 4. Oversight Committee Established.

2 The department of transportation (DOT) shall establish a rider education provider
3 oversight committee which shall consist of five (5) members. These members shall be appointed
4 by the Governor and shall serve in a supervisory capacity and shall not be compensated for their
5 services. The members shall consist of the following:

6 Two (2) members that are currently certified motorcycle instructors;

7 One member from the department of transportation;

8 One member from the public; and

9 One member from a motorcycle club or association.

10 Annually, on or before January 31st, the governor shall appoint a member or members of
11 the committee to succeed the member or members whose terms are expiring. All terms shall be
12 for two (2) years or until a successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancy which may occur
13 shall be filled by the governor for the remainder of the unexpired term.

14 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide new regulations and fees for motorcycle and motor scooter
- 2 licensing and would create a rider education provider education committee.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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