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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLE -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senator Paul E. Moura

Date Introduced: January 30, 2008

Referred To: Senate Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

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 **31-3-17.5. International association of firefighter plates. -- (a) The administrator of the**  
4 **division of motor vehicles is empowered and authorized to make available to all active (IAFF)**  
5 **firefighters and retired (IAFF) firefighters a special motor vehicle registration plate for any motor**  
6 **vehicle eligible for registration as an automobile or commercial vehicle having a gross weight of**  
7 **ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.) or less.**

8 **(b) The special motor vehicle registration plate shall carry on it the designation**  
9 **"Professional FireFighter" and the (IAFF) logo, with the design provided by the Rhode Island**  
10 **state association of fire fighters.**

11 **(c) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles shall issue the plate upon payment**  
12 **of a service charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and a transfer charge of five dollars (\$5.00) for**  
13 **the plate, of which fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be deposited to the division of motor vehicles**  
14 **manufacturing account. The remaining issuance surcharge will be distributed to the Rhode Island**  
15 **state association of fire fighters memorial fund, a 501C-3 entity.**

16 **(d) For the purpose of this section an active or retired member of any fire department**  
17 **shall be defined by a letter from the members union president.**

18 **(e) In a state emergency, any active member of a fire department driving a vehicle**  
19 **bearing the special motor vehicle registration plate shall be authorized and empowered to travel**

1 [upon the highways of the state notwithstanding any driving ban imposed by the state or municipal](#)  
2 [authority in accordance with their official duties.](#)

3 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 motor vehicle registration plate for  
2 any motor vehicle plate for any vehicle having a gross weight of less than 10,000 pounds to all  
3 active and retired IAFF firefighters.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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