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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senator Joshua Miller

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **31-3-3. Application for registration.** -- Every owner of a vehicle subject to registration
4 under this chapter shall apply to the division of motor vehicles for the registration of it using the
5 appropriate form or forms furnished by the division of motor vehicles. Every application shall
6 bear the signature of the owner written with pen and ink and the signature shall be acknowledged
7 by the owner before a person authorized to administer oaths and the application shall contain:

8 (a) The name, city or town of bona fide residence, actual residence address and mail
9 address of the owner as appearing on the owner's motor vehicle operator's license or state
10 identification card issued pursuant to the provisions of chapter 8 of title 3, or business address of
11 the owner if a firm, association, or if a corporation, the name of the city or town in which the
12 vehicle is physically and primarily housed. For purposes of this section "physically and primarily
13 housed" is defined as that city or town in which the vehicle is housed for a period or periods of
14 time greater than in any other city or town in the state of Rhode Island. The division of motor
15 vehicles may substitute other indicators of residence when necessary.

16 (b) A description of the vehicle, including, insofar as this specified data may exist with
17 respect to a given vehicle, the make, model, type of body, the number of cylinders, the serial
18 number of the vehicle, and the engine or other number of the vehicle. In the event a vehicle is
19 designed, constructed, converted, or rebuilt for the transportation of property, the application shall

1 include a statement of its capacity in terms of maximum gross vehicle weight rating as authorized
2 by the manufacturer of the chassis or the complete vehicle.

3 (c) A statement whether liability insurance is carried on the vehicle, and, if there is
4 liability insurance, the name of the carrier, policy number, and effective dates of the policy.

5 (d) Any further information as may reasonably be required by the division of motor
6 vehicles to enable it to determine whether the vehicle is lawfully entitled to registration.

7 (e) The exact mileage reading from the motor vehicle on the date of application.

8 (f) In the case of an application for registration of motorcycles, motorized bicycles, and
9 motorized tricycles, a statement that the owner understands that an accident occurring while an
10 operator is not wearing a helmet may result in significant physical injury and financial damage if
11 the operator does not carry health insurance. The owner shall place a checkmark in the
12 appropriate space next to the statement for the application for registration to be valid.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require operators of motorcycles and related vehicles to acknowledge on
2 the registration application that operating without a helmet could cause physical injury and
3 financial hardship if the operators do not have health coverage.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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