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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

**A N A C T**

**RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES**

Introduced By: Senators Lombardi, Lombardo, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: April 30, 2019

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 **31-3-121. Special plate to honor the New York Yankees Universe Fund.**

4 (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available a  
5 special motor vehicle registration plate honoring the twenty-seven (27) time world champion  
6 New York Yankees and the New York Yankees Universe Fund, a charitable organization.

7 (b) The special plate shall bear the official New York Yankees logo as well as the New  
8 York Yankees Universe Fund logo. The special plate shall be displayed upon the same  
9 registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it was issued and shall be used in place of  
10 and in the same manner as the registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration  
11 plates for the vehicle shall be removed from the vehicle and the registration certificate for the  
12 plates shall be carried in the vehicle, in accordance with § 31-3-9. The registration certificate  
13 shall be in effect for the special plate.

14 (c) The New York Yankees/New York Yankees Universe Fund motor vehicle plates shall  
15 be the same size as regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed in conjunction with the  
16 division of motor vehicles, with the design approved by the Rhode Island state police.

17 (d) The New York Yankees/New York Yankees Universe Fund motor vehicle plates shall  
18 be subject to a minimum pre-paid order of at least nine hundred (900) plates. The New York  
19 Yankees/New York Yankees Universe Fund plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order

1 requirements are met.

2 (e) The administrator of motor vehicles shall develop application forms, prepayment  
3 procedures and any other procedures deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

4 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, New York  
5 Yankees/New York Yankees Universe Fund motor vehicle plates shall be subject to a forty dollar  
6 (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

7 (g) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty  
8 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)  
9 shall be distributed annually to the New York Yankees Universe Fund.

10 (h) A ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated  
11 to the New York Yankees Universe Fund.

12 (i) The New York Yankees Universe Fund shall be required to submit an annual audit,  
13 prepared by a certified public accountant, before such monies are distributed.

14 (j) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of New York Yankees/New York  
15 Yankees Universe Fund motor vehicle plates.

16 (k) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of the New York  
17 Yankees/New York Yankees Universe Fund, the foundation must use any Rhode Island sourced  
18 funds in and for the benefit of Rhode Island based charitable organizations.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide a special motor vehicle registration plate honoring the New York  
2 Yankees for their twenty-seven (27) World Championships and the New York Yankees Universe  
3 Fund for the benefit of Rhode Island based charitable organizations.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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