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The Honorable David A. Bennett
Chair, House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
State House
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: 2025 H-5098- AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY –
FORESTRY AND FOREST PARITY ACT**

Dear Chair Bennett:

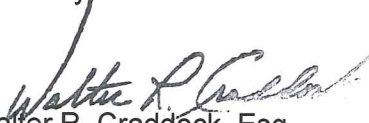
The Division of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”) respectfully requests an amendment to House Bill 5098, An Act Relating to Agriculture and Forestry – Forestry and Forest Parity Act, to provide that it shall become effective one (1) year after passage.

The proposed bill would establish sales and use tax exemptions for commercial forest product operations and would also create a new motor vehicle registration for “forestry vehicles”, including a tax exemption for those vehicles.

Most, if not all, legislative changes and new laws require the DMV to make significant modifications to its computer system’s code and operating system, as well as its business processes. Providing the DMV with ample time to implement legislatively mandated changes will minimize risks to the system and allow for the successful completion of all developments necessary to effectuate the intent of the legislature. As such, the DMV respectfully requests an amendment to the bill’s effective date from upon passage to one (1) year after passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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Administrator

CC: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
The Honorable Megan L. Cotter
Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House
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