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The Honorable Karen Alzate
Chair, House Committee on Special Legislation
State House
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: 2025 H-5049 - AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND OTHER
VEHICLES – REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES**

Dear Chair Alzate:


The Division of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”) respectfully requests an amendment to House Bill 5049, An Act Relating to Motor Vehicles and Other Vehicles-Registration of Vehicles, to provide that it shall become effective six (6) months after passage.

The proposed bill would remove the requirement that an applicant for a Bronze Star Medal registration plate pay a registration fee or transfer charge. Implementing this fee change would require modifications to the registration fees currently programmed to be charged for automobiles and commercial vehicles which meet the requirements for these plates.

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. 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 development 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 six (6) months after passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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Administrator

Cc: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Special Legislation
The Honorable Samuel A. Azzinaro
Nicole McCarty, Esquire, Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House
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