



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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The Honorable Evan P. Shanley  
Chair, House Committee on State Government and Elections  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: 2024 H-7468- AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES –  
REGISTRATION FEES**

Dear Chair Shanley:

The Division of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") respectfully requests an amendment to House Bill 7468, An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles-Registration Fees, to provide that it shall become effective six (6) months after passage.

The proposed bill would exempt the Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Inc. from payment of vehicle registration fees. 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 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 six (6) months after passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Walter R. Craddock, Esq.  
Administrator

CC: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections  
The Honorable Stephen M. Casey  
Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House  
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