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

**RE: 2024 H-8097 - AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES –  
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES**

Dear Chair Alzate:

The Division of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”) respectfully requests an amendment to House Bill 8097, An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles - Registration of Vehicles, to provide that it shall become effective six (6) months after passage.

The proposed bill would authorize the DMV to create special motor vehicle registration plates in recognition of the nonprofit entity Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub.

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,

Walter R. Craddock, Esq.  
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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