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

**RE: 2025 H-5458- AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES  
- ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION AND TITLING**

Dear Chair Shanley:

The Division of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") writes to request an amendment to House Bill 5458, An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Operators' and Chauffeurs' Licenses, to provide for discretionary rather than mandatory rules and regulations.

The proposed bill would establish a system of electronic registration and titling of motor vehicles, and also requires that the DMV promulgate rules and regulations.

The concern of the DMV is with the language contained in the newly created R.I. Gen. Laws § 31-3.4-5, which would mandate that the DMV promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of the proposed bill. As currently drafted, however, the proposed bill contains a statutory scheme which is sufficiently comprehensive to accomplish those goals without the immediate need for rules and regulations. If rules and regulations are mandated, there is a potential that the start of the program could be delayed. Therefore, the DMV is requesting an amendment which would change the term "shall" in that section to "may", which would still allow the DMV to promulgate rules and regulations should they become necessary at a later date.

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 Robert E. Craven, Sr.  
Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House  
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