

SECTION 12. The amounts reflected in this Article include the appropriation of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for fiscal year 2014 and supersede appropriations provided for FY 2014 within Section 11 of Article 1 of Chapter 241 of the P.L. of 2012.

The following amounts are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State's Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund not otherwise appropriated to be expended during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017. These amounts supersede appropriations provided within Section 11 of Article 1 of Chapter 241 of the P.L. of 2012. For the purposes and functions hereinafter mentioned, the State Controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his or her orders upon the General Treasurer for the payment of such sums and such portions thereof as may be required by him or her upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

This change is needed because the years of the multi-year appropriations were incorrect. The Budget Office inadvertently included language from the FY 2013 Appropriations Act in Section 12 of the FY 2014 Appropriations Act.

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ARTICLE 6, RELATING TO DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Replace Article 6 in its entirety with the attached version. This new version of Article 6 makes extensive changes to Section 2 of the article. The original version of Article 6 differentiated between biennial and annual registration periodicity regardless of vehicle type. The new version of Article 6 considers the timing of registration renewals as it pertains to vehicles but not trailers. Thus, a vehicle or truck that has a biennial registration will face a \$10.00 per year phase-in schedule until a full \$30.00 surcharge is attained, unless the registration plate type for the vehicle or truck is Antique, Farm or Motorcycle. For the Antique, Farm and Motorcycle registration plate types, the schedule outlined in the original version of Article 6 would be used. It should be noted that the registration plate type Veteran, which was included with the Antique, Farm and Motorcycle registration plate types in the original version of Article 6, has been removed. Veteran registration plate types will be subject to the same surcharge amount as any other vehicle or truck with the surcharge amount dependent on the vehicle or truck's registration periodicity. This change is consistent with current law where the owner of a Veteran registration plate type pays the same registration fees as the owner of a standard registration plate type.

The new version of Article 6 changes the treatment of trailers with respect to the surcharge amount per registration. The surcharge amount for the registration of a trailer will be one-half of the registration cost for a trailer. The surcharge amount, similar to the case of Antique, Farm and Motorcycle registration plates, will be payable in full at the time of the next registration rather than being phased-in over a three year period. Under the original version of Article 6, trailers were subject to the same registration surcharge amounts and payment schedule as a vehicle or

truck. Preservation of this treatment would have resulted in registrants of trailers paying more in registration surcharges than in actual registration fees.

The new version of Article 6 also increases the number of annual registration plate types that are subject to registration surcharge fees that are less than the registration surcharge fees specified for standard annual registration plate types. The registration plate types added are Boat Dealer, Cycle Dealer, Manufacturer, New Car Dealer, Used Car Dealer, and Racer Tow. These registration plate types currently pay registration fees below that of a standard annual registration plate type. The new version of Article 6 sets registration surcharge amounts commensurate with the current registration fee for these plate types.

Finally, the new version of Article 6 sets registration surcharge fees for school buses at \$6.25 per year with a two year phase-in period up to a maximum of \$12.50 per registration. The change in the treatment of school buses with regard to registration surcharge fees is done to make the surcharge consistent with the current registration fee for school buses, which are less than the registration fees for standard annual registration plate types.

The new version of Article 6 is expected to reduce registration surcharge revenue in FY 2014 by \$346,995, as compared to the original version of this article. The attached spreadsheets show the reduction in surcharge revenue by plate type.

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ARTICLE 10, RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2013

SECTION 1, REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2013

Department of Administration

Decrease Restricted Receipt Expenditures in the Information Technology Program, Page 70, Line 10, by \$1,318,356 from \$5,111,272 to \$3,792,916. This amendment reduces the expenditures budgeted in the Information Technology Investment Fund from \$4,318,356 to the enacted appropriation of \$3,000,000. When the Governor rejected the Department's proposal to shift \$1,318,356 of surplus general revenue to the Information Technology Investment Fund, the Budget Office inadvertently did not reduce expenditures in the Information Technology Investment Fund account.

Increase Federal Funds in the Planning Program, Page 70, Line 21 by \$2,000,000 from \$9,548,977 to \$11,548,977. The Planning Division recently received notification from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development of a new \$4.6 million Community Development Block Grant award. Of this amount, the Planning Division expects to spend \$2.0 million in FY 2013, \$2.0 million in FY 2014, and \$584,584 in FY 2015. Because the payments to cities and towns are on a reimbursement basis, actual expenditures may vary from the annual amounts

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ARTICLE 6

RELATING TO DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

SECTION 1. Sections 31-3-33 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 31-3-33 Renewal of registration. – (a) Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the owner on a proper application form and by payment of the registration fee for the vehicle as provided by law.

(b) The division of motor vehicles may receive applications for renewal of registration, and may grant the renewal and issue new registration cards and plates at any time prior to expiration of registration.

(c) Upon renewal, owners will be issued a renewal sticker for each registration plate which shall be placed at the bottom right hand corner of the plate. Owners shall be issued a new fully reflective plate beginning September 1, ~~2013~~ 2015 at the time of initial registration or at the renewal of an existing registration and reissuance will be conducted no less than every ten (10) years.

SECTION 2. Section 39-18.1-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-18.1 entitled "Transportation Investment and Debt Reduction Act of 2011" is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 39-18.1-4 Rhode Island highway maintenance ~~trust fund~~ account created. – (a) There is hereby created a special account in the ~~general fund~~ intermodal surface transportation fund as established in § 31-36-20 that is to be known as the Rhode Island Highway Maintenance ~~Trust Fund Account~~.

(b) The fund shall consist of all those moneys which the state may from time to time direct to the fund, including, not necessarily limited to, moneys derived from the following sources:

(1) There is imposed a surcharge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per ~~passenger car and light truck~~ vehicle or truck, other than those with specific registrations set forth below in subsection (b)(1)(i). Such surcharge shall be paid by each ~~car and light truck~~ vehicle or truck owner in order to register that owner's vehicle or truck and upon each subsequent biennial registration. This surcharge shall be phased in at the rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) each year. The total surcharge will be ten dollars (\$10.00) from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, twenty dollars (\$20.00) from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, and thirty dollars (\$30.00) from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and each year thereafter.

(i) For owners of vehicles or trucks with the following plate types, the surcharge shall be as set forth below and shall be paid in full in order to register the vehicle or truck and upon each subsequent renewal:

<u>Plate Type</u>	<u>Surcharge</u>
<u>Antique</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>Farm</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<u>Motorcycle</u>	<u>\$13.00</u>

(ii) For owners of trailers, the surcharge shall be one-half of the biennial registration amount and shall be paid in full in order to register the trailer and upon each subsequent renewal.

(2) There is imposed a surcharge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per ~~car and truck~~, vehicle or truck, other than those with specific registrations set forth in subsection (b)(2)(i) below, for those ~~cars and trucks~~ vehicles or trucks subject to annual registration, to be paid annually by each ~~car and truck~~ vehicle or truck owner in order to register that owner's vehicle or truck and upon each subsequent annual registration. This surcharge will be phased in at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) each year. The total surcharge will be five dollars (\$5.00) from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, ten dollars (\$10.00) from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and each year thereafter.

(i) For registrations of the following plate types, the surcharge shall be as set forth below and shall be paid in full in order to register the plate, and upon each subsequent renewal:

<u>Plate Type</u>	<u>Surcharge</u>
<u>Boat Dealer</u>	<u>\$6.25</u>
<u>Cycle Dealer</u>	<u>\$6.25</u>
<u>In-transit</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>New Car Dealer</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>Used Car Dealer</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>Racer Tow</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>Transporter</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>Bailee</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>

(ii) For owners of trailers, the surcharge shall be one-half of the annual registration amount and shall be paid in full in order to register the trailer and upon each subsequent renewal.

(iii) For owners of school buses, the surcharge will be phased in at the rate of six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) each year. The total surcharge will be six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 and each year thereafter.

(3) There is imposed a surcharge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per operator's license to operate a motor vehicle to be paid every five (5) years by each licensed operator of a motor vehicles. This surcharge will be phased in at the rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) each year. The total surcharge will be ten dollars (\$10.00) from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, twenty dollars (\$20.00) from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, and thirty dollars (\$30.00) from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and each year thereafter. In the event that a license is issued or renewed for a period of less than five (5) years, the surcharge will be prorated according to the period of time the license will be valid.

(c) All funds collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Rhode Island highway maintenance ~~fund~~ account and shall be used only for the purposes set forth in this chapter.

(d) Unexpended balances and any earnings thereon shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Rhode Island highway maintenance ~~fund~~ account. There shall be no requirement that monies received into the Rhode Island highway maintenance ~~fund~~ account during any given calendar year or fiscal year be expended during the same calendar year or fiscal year.

(e) The Rhode Island highway maintenance ~~fund~~ account shall be administered by the director, who shall allocate and spend monies from the fund only in accordance with the purposes and procedures set forth in this chapter.

SECTION 3. This article shall take effect upon passage.

NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS BY PLATE TYPE
Periodicity and Fees
 (As of November 28, 2012)

Plate Type Number	Plate Type Description	Number of Registrations	Periodicity of Registration	Minimum Registration Fee	Original Full Registration Surcharge	Proposed Full Registration Surcharge
1	Passenger	653,895	Biennial	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
2	Commercial	66,252	Annual	\$34.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
3	Trailer	48,021	Varies ¹	\$10.00 / \$5.00 ²	None	1/2 Reg Fee
4	Motorcycle	32,359	Biennial	\$26.00	None	\$13.00
5	Public Service	1,272	Biennial	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
6	Camper	7,465	Biennial	\$60.00	None	\$30.00
7	Suburban	1,312	Biennial	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
8	School Bus	1,632	Annual	\$25.00	None	\$12.50
9	Jitney	258	Biennial	Varies ³	None	\$30.00
10	State	2,969	Valid Indefinitely	No Charge	\$30.00 / \$15.00	None
11	City	1,673	Annual	\$2.00	\$30.00 / \$15.00	None
12	Town	2,014	Annual	\$2.00	\$30.00 / \$15.00	None
13	Police	2,879	Valid Indefinitely	No Charge	\$30.00	None
14	State Police	372	Valid Indefinitely	No Charge	\$30.00	None
15	Fire Apparatus	1,669	Valid Indefinitely	No Charge	\$15.00	None
16	House	93	Varies ⁴	Varies ⁴	\$30.00 / \$15.00	Varies ⁴
17	Senate	48	Varies ⁴	Varies ⁴	\$30.00 / \$15.00	Varies ⁴
18	Radio operator	431	Biennial	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
19	Antique	7,138	Biennial	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$5.00
20	Veteran	452	Varies ⁵	\$60.00 / \$34.00	\$30.00 / \$15.00	\$30.00 / \$15.00
21	Farm	1,524	Biennial	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$10.00
22	Taxi	207	Biennial	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
23	New Car Dealer	1,351	Annual	\$10.00 ⁶	None	\$5.00
24	Used Car Dealer	1,978	Annual	\$10.00 ⁶	None	\$5.00
25	In-Transit	805	Annual	\$10.00 ⁶	None	\$5.00
26	Transporter	240	Annual	\$10.00 ⁶	None	\$5.00
27	Bailee	14	Annual	\$10.00 ⁶	None	\$5.00
28	Manufacturer	44	Annual	\$10.00 ⁶	None	\$5.00
29	Racer Tow	3	Annual	\$15.00	None	\$5.00
30	State Police Cycle	6	Valid Indefinitely	No Charge	None	None
31	Police Cycle	75	Valid Indefinitely	No Charge	None	None
32	Cycle Dealer	53	Annual	\$12.50	None	\$6.25

NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS BY PLATE TYPE

Periodicity and Fees

(As of November 28, 2012)

Plate Type Number	Plate Type Description	Number of Registrations	Periodicity of Registration	Minimum Registration Fee	Original Full Registration Surcharge	Proposed Full Registration Surcharge
33	POW	47	Varies	No Charge	\$30.00 / \$15.00	None
34	Boat Dealer	25	Annual	\$12.50	None	\$6.25
35	40 Hommes and 8 Chevaux	0	Varies	\$2.00	\$30.00 / \$15.00	None
36	Purple Heart	660	Varies	No Charge	\$30.00 / \$15.00	None
37	War Veteran	12,529	Varies ⁵	\$60.00 / \$34.00	\$30.00 / \$15.00	\$30.00 / \$15.00
38	National Guard	921	Varies ⁵	\$60.00 / \$34.00	\$30.00 / \$15.00	\$30.00 / \$15.00
39	Combination	50,343	Annual	\$34.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
40	Apportioned	5,537	Annual	IRP ⁷	None	IRP ⁷
96	Titled Only	209,889	N/A	N/A	None	N/A
99	Special	165	Varies ⁴	Varies ⁴	\$30.00 / \$15.00	Varies ⁴
Total		1,118,620				
		<i>Less Titled Only</i>				
		<i>(209,889)</i>				
		Total Actual Registrations				
		908,731				

¹ Trailers can be registered as commercial, non-commercial, or tandem. A commercial trailer has an annual registration. A non-commercial trailer has a biennial registration. A tandem trailer can have a registration of one, five or eight years.

² The minimum registration fee for trailers other than tandem trailers is \$5.00 annually or \$10.00 biennially. For tandem trailers the minimum registration fee is \$12.00 for a one year registration, \$50.00 for a five year registration and \$80.00 for an eight year registration.

³ The registration fee for a public bus is equal to the registration fee for a motor vehicle for hire plus \$2.00 per passenger that the bus is rated to carry.

⁴ House, Senate and Special registration plates can have an annual or a biennial registration period depending on whether the registration plate is for a passenger car or a truck. Vehicles with House or Senate registration plates are subject to normal registration fees for the vehicle to which the plate is registered. Vehicles with Special registration plates are subject not only to normal registration fees but may also be subject to additional fees. Proposed registration surcharges would apply to the underlying registrations for each of these registration plate types.

⁵ Veteran, War Veteran and National Guard registration plates can have an annual or a biennial registration period depending on whether the registration plate is for a passenger car or a truck.

⁶ These registration plates are issued annually. Up to the first three registration plates cost \$30.00. Each additional registration plate costs \$10.00. A total of no more than 26 New Car Dealer, Used Car Dealer or Manufacturer registration plates can be owned by any one dealer or manufacturer.

⁷ Apportioned vehicles are subject to the International Registration Plan, Inc. (IRP). IRP is "a registration reciprocity agreement among states of the United States, the District of Columbia and provinces of Canada providing for payment of apportionable fees on the basis of total distance operated in all jurisdictions."

REVENUE IMPACT OF REVISIONS TO REGISTRATION AND LICENSE FEE SURCHARGES
Comparison of Revised Article 6 to Original Article 6 Estimates
(FY 2014 to FY 2016)

	Annual	Biennial	No Fee	Total
Registrations	129,192	762,628	16,911	908,731

	Annual Registrations					Difference
	Registration Surcharge	Number of Registrations	Revised Article 6 Total Surcharge Revenues	Original Article 6 Total Surcharge Revenues		
FY 2014						
Commercial. Trailer	\$2.50	4,141	\$10,352			
Car Dealers, etc.	\$5.00	4,435	\$22,175			
All Other	\$5.00	117,013	\$585,067			
Tandem	\$6.00	1,893	11,357			
Boat / Cycle Dealer	\$6.25	78	\$488			
School Bus	\$6.25	1,632	\$10,200			
Total		129,192	\$639,638	\$645,959	(\$6,321)	
FY 2015						
Commercial. Trailer	\$2.50	4,141	\$10,352			
Car Dealers, etc.	\$5.00	4,435	\$22,175			
Tandem	\$6.00	1,893	11,357			
Boat / Cycle Dealer	\$6.25	78	\$488			
All Other	\$10.00	117,013	\$1,170,134			
School Bus	\$12.50	1,632	\$20,400			
Total		129,192	\$1,234,905	\$1,286,623	(\$51,718)	
FY 2016						
Commercial. Trailer	\$2.50	4,141	\$10,352			
Car Dealers, etc.	\$5.00	4,435	\$22,175			
Tandem	\$6.00	1,893	\$11,357			
Boat / Cycle Dealer	\$6.25	78	\$488			
School Bus	\$12.50	1,632	\$20,400			
All Other	\$15.00	117,013	\$1,755,201			
Total		129,192	\$1,819,972	\$1,927,287	(\$107,315)	

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(FY 2014 to FY 2016)

	Annual	Biennial	No Fee	Total
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Biennial Registrations						
	Plate Type	Registration Surcharge	Number of Registrations	Revised Article 6 Total Surcharge Revenues	Original Article 6 Total Surcharge Revenues	Difference
FY 2014	Trailer	\$5.00	20,994	\$104,968		
	Antique	\$5.00	3,569	\$17,845		
	Farm	\$10.00	762	\$7,620		
	All Other	\$10.00	339,810	\$3,398,098		
	Motorcycle	\$13.00	16,180	\$210,334		
	Total		381,314	\$3,738,865	\$4,079,539	(\$340,674)
FY 2015	Trailer	\$5.00	20,994	\$104,968		
	Antique	\$5.00	3,569	\$17,845		
	Farm	\$10.00	762	\$7,620		
	Motorcycle	\$13.00	16,180	\$210,334		
	All Other	\$20.00	339,810	\$6,796,196		
	Total		381,314	\$7,136,963	\$7,276,498	(\$139,535)
FY 2016	Trailer	\$5.00	20,994	\$104,968		
	Antique	\$5.00	3,569	\$17,845		
	Farm	\$10.00	762	\$7,620		
	Motorcycle	\$13.00	16,180	\$210,334		
	All Other	\$30.00	339,810	\$10,194,294		
	Total		381,314	\$10,535,061	\$10,914,748	(\$379,687)

REVENUE IMPACT OF REVISIONS TO REGISTRATION AND LICENSE FEE SURCHARGES
Comparison of Revised Article 6 to Original Article 6 Estimates
(FY 2014 to FY 2016)

Operator's Licenses: 745,223					
	License Surcharge	Number of Licenses	Revised Article 6 Total Surcharge Revenues	Original Article 6 Total Surcharge Revenues	Difference
FY 2014	\$10.00	149,045	\$1,490,446	\$1,490,446	\$0
FY 2015	\$20.00	149,045	\$2,980,892	\$2,980,892	\$0
FY 2016	\$30.00	149,045	\$4,471,338	\$4,471,338	\$0

	Revised Article 6 Annual Registration Surcharges	Revised Article 6 Biennial Registration Surcharges	Revised Article 6 Operator's License Surcharges	Revised Article 6 Total Surcharge Revenues	Original Article 6 Total Surcharge Revenues	Difference
FY 2014	\$639,638	\$3,738,865	\$1,490,446	\$5,868,949	\$6,215,944	(\$346,995)
FY 2015	\$1,234,905	\$7,136,963	\$2,980,892	\$11,352,760	\$11,544,013	(\$191,253)
FY 2016	\$1,819,972	\$10,535,061	\$4,471,338	\$16,826,371	\$17,313,373	(\$487,002)