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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS
2023 AND 2024

Introduced By: Representatives J. Brien, Chippendale, Phillips, Craven, Noret,
Finkelman, Read, and Corvese

Date Introduced: January 10, 2025

Referred To: House Rules

1 RESOLVED, that section 38(a) of the rules of the House of Representatives adopted by
2 the House of Representatives at its January session, A.D. 2023, entitled “House Resolution
3 Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the years 2023 and 2024”, be and the
4 same is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 [Rules Pertaining to Admission to the Floor](#)

6 (38)(a) No person or persons, except currently elected members of the general assembly,
7 legislative staff assigned by the Speaker or Minority Leader and authorized representatives of
8 the public press shall be admitted to the floor of the House during the session thereof, except by
9 the approval of the Speaker for a designated purpose. The Speaker may make special provision
10 for admission to the floor of the House during the session thereof for persons, who by reason of
11 disability, are unable to gain access to the House galleries. All persons so admitted by the Speaker
12 to the floor of the House during the session thereof shall be present for the sole purpose of
13 observing the proceedings of the House and shall remain seated, refrain from conversation, and
14 maintain the decorum of the House. No person so admitted shall contact, address, speak or
15 gesture to, or communicate in any way with any House member while present on the floor of the
16 House, [or dress in a manner offensive to the decorum of the House. All Members of the House](#)
17 [shall observe appropriate attire: coat and tie for male members and dignified dress for female](#)
18 [members.](#) No person on the floor of the chamber shall dress in a manner offensive to the decorum
19 of the House. Any House member who observes conduct in violation of the House Rules

- 1 shall immediately notify the Speaker thereof and the Speaker shall forthwith take appropriate
- 2 corrective action and may order the removal of the offending person.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This resolution would provide that any person admitted to the House floor dress in an
- 2 appropriate manner and would further require male members to wear a coat and tie and require
- 3 dignified dress for female members.

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