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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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**RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND
LOBBYING REFORM ACT**

Introduced By: Representatives J. Lombardi, Hull, Cruz, and Stewart

Date Introduced: January 15, 2026

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-139.1 of the General Laws entitled "The Rhode Island Lobbying

2 Reform Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-139.1-14. Prohibited contributions by lobbyists.**

4 No lobbyist, governed by this chapter, shall make any political contributions to any

5 member of the general assembly in any year during the period from January 1 through July 1, unless

6 the general assembly has adjourned its business for the year prior to July 1 of the session year.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 2 of the general assembly from January 1 through July 1 in any year, unless the general assembly
- 3 adjourns for the year prior to July 1.
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