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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

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**A N A C T**

**RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS**

Introduced By: Senators Dimitri, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Britto, Thompson, and Patalano

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1           SECTION 1. Section 21-27.2-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 21-27.2 entitled "Single-
- 2 Use Plastic Straws" is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3           **21-27.2-2. Prohibited practices exception.**
- 4           A food service establishment shall not provide a single-use plastic straw to a consumer
- 5 unless requested or by the consumer [or is directly taken from a single straw dispenser](#).
- 6           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would allow customers to directly take single-use plastic straws from single straw
- 2   dispensers at food service establishments.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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