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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OPERATION OF A STATE
HOUSE VISITOR CENTER

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: March 21, 2012

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-8-23 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-8 entitled "Department
2 of State" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~**42-8-23. Gift shop.** -- The secretary of state, along with the Capitol Hill junior chamber
4 of commerce, may establish within the state house a gift shop. The board of directors of the gift
5 shop shall promulgate rules and regulations for its operation and approval of items to be sold
6 therein. All revenues generated by the gift shop shall be deposited as general revenues.~~

7 ~~The operation of the gift shop shall be such as not to conflict with any operation pursuant
8 to the provisions of section 40-9-11.~~

9 **Visitor Center and gift shop.** -- (a) The secretary of state, in conjunction with the office
10 of the governor, may establish and operate a visitor center and gift shop within the state house.

11 (b) The visitor center and gift shop shall be managed by a committee consisting of one
12 member selected by the governor and four (4) members selected by the secretary of state. In
13 making their selections, the governor and the secretary of state shall give due consideration to
14 demonstrated and acknowledged expertise in a diverse range of historical, preservation,
15 community planning, and retail-oriented endeavors. Committee members shall serve for a term of
16 three (3) years. The committee shall file an annual report of operations and fiscal activities with
17 the governor, secretary of state, senate president and house speaker at the end of each fiscal year.

18 (c) The director of the department of administration may allocate and make available

1 within the state house appropriate space for the visitor center and gift shop and appropriate
2 storage space for inventory, fixtures and supplies necessary for the operation of the visitor center
3 and gift shop.

4 (d) There is hereby established in the office of the secretary of state a restricted receipt
5 revolving fund which shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds. All revenue
6 generated by the visitor center and gift shop shall be deposited into this restricted receipt
7 revolving fund and used to purchase inventory, fixtures and supplies for the visitor center and gift
8 shop and to defray the cost of staffing the visitor center.

9 (e) The operation of the visitor center and gift shop shall be such as not to conflict with
10 any operation pursuant to the provisions of section 40-9-11.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would permit the secretary of state, in conjunction with the office of the
- 2 governor, to establish and operate a visitor center and gift shop within the state house.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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