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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS

Introduced By: Representatives Corvese, Petrarca, Schadone, Azzinaro, and Malik

Date Introduced: January 18, 2012

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 7-13-10 and 7-13-53 of the General Laws in Chapter 7-13 entitled
2 "Limited Partnerships" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **7-13-10. Cancellation of certificate.** -- A certificate of limited partnership is cancelled
4 upon the dissolution and the commencement of winding up of the partnership or at any other time
5 there are no limited partners, or upon the conversion of a limited partnership to a limited liability
6 company. ~~A~~ [When all fees and taxes have been paid to the tax administrator, a](#) certificate of
7 cancellation shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state and state:

8 (1) The name of the limited partnership;

9 (2) The date of filing of its certificate of limited partnership or certificate of conversion
10 from a limited partnership to a limited liability company, as the case may be;

11 (3) The reason for filing the certificate of cancellation;

12 (4) The effective date (which shall be a date certain) of cancellation if it is not to be
13 effective upon the filing of the certificate; and

14 (5) Any other information the general partners filing the certificate determine.

15 **7-13-53. Cancellation of registration.** -- ~~A~~ [When all fees and taxes have been paid to](#)
16 [the tax administrator, a](#) foreign limited partnership may cancel its registration by filing with the
17 secretary of state a certificate of cancellation signed and sworn to by a general partner. In filing a
18 certificate of cancellation the foreign limited partnership revokes the authority of its registered
19 agent to accept service of process and consents that service of process in any action, suit or

1 proceeding based upon any cause of action arising in this state during the time the foreign limited
2 partnership was authorized to transact business in this state may subsequently be made on the
3 foreign limited partnership by service on the secretary of state. The certificate of cancellation
4 must include the post office address to which the secretary of state may mail a copy of any
5 process against the foreign limited partnership that is served on the secretary of state.

6 SECTION 2. Section 44-11-21 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-11 entitled "Business
7 Corporation Tax" is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 **44-11-21. Information confidential -- Types of disclosure authorized- Penalties for**
9 **unauthorized disclosure.** -- (a) It is unlawful for any state official or employee to divulge or to

10 make known to any person in any manner not provided by law the amount or source of income,
11 profits, losses, expenditures, or any particular set forth or disclosed in any return, or to permit any
12 return or copy or any book containing any abstract or particulars to be seen or examined by any
13 person except as provided by law. It is unlawful for any person to print or publish in any manner
14 not provided by law any return or any part or source of income, profits, losses, or expenditures
15 appearing in any return.

16 (b) Any offense against this provision is punishable by a fine not exceeding one
17 thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, at the discretion of
18 the court. If the offender is an officer or employee of the state of Rhode Island, he or she may be
19 dismissed from office or discharged from employment; provided, that the tax administrator may
20 authorize examination of the return by the tax officials regularly in the employ of another state or
21 of the federal government if a reciprocal arrangement exists.

22 (c) In addition, the tax administrator may disclose to the secretary of state the name, state
23 of incorporation, address and other contact information for any corporation that files a tax return
24 with this state; provided, however, that such disclosure shall not include any financial particulars
25 of the corporation. The secretary of state and all employees thereof shall be subject to the
26 confidentiality provisions of subsection (a) and the penalty provisions of subsection (b) hereof
27 and shall be prohibited from printing, publishing, divulging and/or disseminating any information
28 received from the tax administrator in any manner not otherwise authorized by law.

29 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow the tax administrator, subject to confidentiality restrictions, to
2 disclose certain information to the secretary of state regarding any entity that files a tax return
3 with the state. This act would also provide that a domestic or foreign limited partnership must pay
4 all outstanding taxes and fees to the tax administrator prior to cancelling its registration or
5 dissolving or winding up its business.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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