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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - GENERAL POWERS

Introduced By: Representative Larry Valencia

Date Introduced: February 27, 2014

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-2 of the General Laws entitled "General Powers" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-2-31.4. Business registration fee – Town of Richmond. --** (a) Every wholesale,
4 retail, commercial, or manufacturing business located in Richmond, whether a sole
5 proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or other business entity, shall register with the town
6 clerk. The information provided upon registration shall include the name of the business, the
7 name(s) of the owner, the type of business, the physical address, and the mailing address.

8 (b) The town council shall have the authority to establish by ordinance a fee for
9 registration, not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00).

10 (c) The town clerk shall issue a registration certificate to each registered business. The
11 certificate shall be kept on the premises of the business. No business shall be allowed to register
12 under a business name that is already registered.

13 (d) Businesses operating in Richmond on the effective date of an ordinance adopted
14 pursuant to the authority of this statute shall be required to register within sixty (60) days of the
15 day the ordinance takes effect. A business that changes its address shall be required to obtain a
16 new registration certificate.

17 (e) The town council shall have the authority to provide by ordinance for a fine for failure
18 to register a business. The fine shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Each day of
19 violation shall constitute a separate offense. The fine shall enure to the town.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require every wholesale, retail commercial or manufacturing business
2 located in Richmond to register with and obtain from the town clerk a registration certificate to be
3 kept on its premises. The act would also empower the town council to establish by ordinance a
4 registration fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) and/or a fine for failure to register a business
5 not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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