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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--REGISTRATION OF
BUSINESSES IN RICHMOND

Introduced By: Senator Catherine Cool Rumsey

Date Introduced: January 30, 2014

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

(by request)

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 clerk**
6 **of the town of Richmond. The information provided upon registration shall include the name of**
7 **the business, the name(s) of the owner, the type of business, the physical address, and the mailing**
8 **address.**

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

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

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

18 **(e) The town council shall have the authority to provide, by ordinance, for a fine for**

1 failure to register a business. The fine shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each
2 month, or fraction thereof, that the violation continues, provided, however, that the fine shall not
3 exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00). The fine shall enure to the town.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize the town of Richmond to enact an ordinance providing for the
2 registration of businesses in the town. The act would also provide a fine of up to twenty-five
3 dollars (\$25.00) per month for failing to register, not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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