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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - SOLICITATION BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Casey, Ackerman, Morin, Costantino, and Fellela

Date Introduced: January 21, 2015

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-53.1-12.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-53.1 entitled
2 "Solicitation by Charitable Organizations" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-53.1-12.1. Solicitation -- Requirements. --** Prior to orally requesting a contribution, or
4 contemporaneously with a written request for a contribution, regardless of how the request is
5 made, the following shall be clearly and conspicuously disclosed:

6 (a) The name of the professional solicitor and professional fund-raiser, the name of the
7 entity that employed or otherwise engaged the professional solicitor or professional fund-raiser,
8 and the fact that the solicitation is being conducted by a professional solicitor.

9 (b) ~~If requested by the prospective donor, the~~ The percentage of the contribution to be
10 retained by the professional fund-raiser or the company that employed or otherwise engaged the
11 professional fund-raiser.

12 (c) Any solicitation that is subject to this section, regardless of how the solicitation is
13 made, shall include the following statement:

14 "My name is [insert full name] and I am an employee of [insert name of fundraising
15 company]. I am a paid representative soliciting charitable contributions on behalf of [insert name
16 of charitable organization]. I am required by Rhode Island law to inform you that [insert name of
17 fundraising company] receives no less than [insert percentage] percent of aggregate contributions
18 in payment for its fundraising services."

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

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1 This act would require professional solicitors and professional fund-raisers to disclose the
2 percentage of a contribution retained by a fundraising company. This act also would require that a
3 specific statement be made with all solicitations.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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