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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - LOBBYING

Introduced By: Representative Anastasia P. Williams

Date Introduced: February 25, 2015

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22-10-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 22-10 entitled "Lobbying"  
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **22-10-8. Identification badge.** -- (a) There shall be issued by the secretary of state to  
4 every person who shall qualify as a legislative lobbyist, as provided in this chapter, and who shall  
5 have complied with the provisions of this chapter for the prior calendar year, if applicable, an  
6 identification badge evidencing qualification in the form as shall be prescribed by the secretary of  
7 state. Every lobbyist shall conspicuously display this identification badge on his or her clothing  
8 while in the state house at all times of the day during any legislative session, special legislative  
9 session, and at all times of the day during any committee meeting or joint committee meeting of  
10 the general assembly. The badge shall include, but not be limited to, the word "Lobbyist" in bold  
11 print as well as the name of the lobbyist, the year, and the name of the employer.

12 (b) An annual fee ~~equal to the actual cost of preparing the badges, but not exceeding five~~  
13 ~~dollars (\$5.00)~~ of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per entity represented, shall be paid by the  
14 lobbyist prior to the issuance or renewal of any identification badge provided pursuant to this  
15 section. The fee shall be paid to the secretary of state at the time of registration for deposit in the  
16 state's general treasury.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would increase the annual fee for lobbyist from five dollars (\$5.00) to one  
2 hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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