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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Introduced By: Representatives Casey, and Phillips

Date Introduced: June 18, 2020

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 **45-2-31.6. Business registration fee -- City of Woonsocket.**

4 (a) Each business including, but not limited to, wholesale, retail, commercial, professional
5 service or manufacturing whether by sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations or any
6 business entity shall register their business, company, trade or office situated in the city of
7 Woonsocket with the town clerk. Each registration shall contain the name of the firm or business,
8 the name of the owner or operator of the firm or business, the type of business to be conducted and
9 other basic information.

10 (b) There shall be a fee for each registration. The registration fee shall be set by city council
11 ordinance.

12 (c) Upon registration of a business, a registration certificate shall be issued to the registrant.
13 No other business of the same trade name shall be allowed to register once a certificate of
14 registration has been issued without the approval of the prior registrant in writing. Every
15 registration certificate shall expire the 31st day in May and shall be renewed annually upon payment
16 of the required fee. No certificate shall be renewed if the business fails to provide proof from the
17 tax collector that all municipal taxes have been paid to date. Every certificate of registration shall
18 be placed in a conspicuous location in each business establishment.

19 (d) Any business required to obtain a liquor, victualling or any other license to operate

1 under any other section of the general laws shall be exempt from the requirement of this statute.

2 (e) Any person, whether as principal, agent, employee, or otherwise, who violates any of
3 the provisions of this chapter, shall be fined not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each
4 offense. The fines shall inure to the city and each day that the violation continues shall be deemed
5 to constitute a separate offense.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would authorize the city of Woonsocket to require payment of a registration fee
- 2 for businesses situated in the city of Woonsocket.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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