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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Introduced By: Senator John J. Tassoni

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Housing & 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 **45-2-31.3. Business registration fee – Town of Smithfield.** – (a) All wholesale, retail,
4 commercial, professional service or manufacturing businesses, whether sole proprietorships,
5 partnership, corporations or any business entity, shall register their business, company, trade or
6 office situated in the town of Smithfield with the town clerk of the town of Smithfield. Each
7 registration shall contain the name of the firm or business, the name of the owner(s) or operator(s)
8 of the firm or business, the type of business to be conducted, and other basic information.

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

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

18 (d) Any business required to obtain a liquor, victualling or any other license to operate
19 under any other section of the general laws shall be exempt from the requirements of this statute.

1 (e) Any person, whether as principal, agent, employee, or otherwise, who violates any of
2 the provisions of this chapter, shall be fined not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day for
3 each offense. Any fine imposed under this statute and/or the ordinance promulgated by the town
4 council pursuant to this section may be appealed to the Smithfield municipal court. The fines
5 shall inure to the town and each day that the violation continues shall be deemed to constitute a
6 separate offense.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow the Town of Smithfield to adopt an ordinance which would require
2 the registration of any business entity that maintains a place of business within the town, and to
3 require the payment of registration fees.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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