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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - TAVERNS, COOKSHOPS AND
OYSTER HOUSES

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, Crowley, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: March 06, 2012

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-24-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-24 entitled "Taverns,
2 Cookshops, and Oyster Houses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-24-3. Penalty for violations.** – (a) Every person in any city or town who opens or
4 keeps open any tavern, victualing house, cookshop, oyster house, or oyster cellar, without
5 possessing a license obtained from the city or town council, or in any place other than that
6 specified in that license, shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense, one-half (1/2) of
7 that amount to the use of the city or town in which the offense has been committed and one-half (
8 1/2) to the use of the state.

9 (b) In addition to the fines enumerated above, the city of Pawtucket may close any
10 unlicensed tavern, victualing house, cookshop, oyster house, or oyster cellar until said unlicensed
11 tavern, victualing house, cookshop, oyster house, or oyster cellar obtains a license from the
12 Pawtucket city council or the Pawtucket city council sitting as the Pawtucket board of license
13 commissioners.

14 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 Pawtucket to close any unlicensed taverns, victualing
- 2 houses, cookshops, oyster houses and oyster cellars in the city.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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