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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- LOBBYING

Introduced By: Representative Gregory J. Costantino

Date Introduced: February 14, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1           SECTION 1. Chapter 22-10 of the General Laws entitled "Lobbying" is hereby amended  
2 by adding thereto the following section:  
3           **22-10-13. Restricted political contributions.** -- A registered lobbyist shall not make a  
4 political contribution of more than two hundred dollars (\$200) per calendar year to any senator or  
5 representative who is, or was within the last two (2) years, a member of any legislative committee  
6 or commission that before which the lobbyist may appear or has appeared within the last two (2)  
7 years. Family members, as defined in subdivision 36-14-2(1), and business associates, as defined  
8 in subdivision 36-14-2(3), of the registered lobbyist, are prohibited from making a political  
9 contribution to a senator or representative who is, or was within the last two (2) years, a member  
10 of the legislative committee or commission before which the registered lobbyist may appear, or  
11 has appeared within the last two (2) years.  
12           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2014.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would prohibit any lobbyist who donates more than two hundred dollars (\$200)  
2 to any legislator from appearing before any legislative committee or commission on which that  
3 legislator sits. It would also prohibit the lobbyist from using a surrogate to circumvent the law's  
4 prohibitions.

5           This act would take effect on January 1, 2014.

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