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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- TOWN OF SMITHFIELD -- BUSINESS  
REGISTRATION FEE

Introduced By: Representatives Winfield, and Costantino

Date Introduced: January 19, 2018

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-2-31.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-2 entitled "General  
2 Powers" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~**45-2-31.1. Business registration fee -- Town of Johnston.**~~

4 ~~(a) Each business including, but not limited to, wholesale, retail, commercial,~~  
5 ~~professional service or manufacturing whether by sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations~~  
6 ~~or any business entity shall register their business, company, trade or office situated in the town~~  
7 ~~of Johnston 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~~  
9 ~~and other basic information.~~

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

12 ~~(c) Upon registration of a business, a registration certificate shall be issued to the~~  
13 ~~registrant. No other business of the same trade name shall be allowed to register once a certificate~~  
14 ~~of 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~~  
16 ~~payment of the required fee. No certificate shall be renewed if the business fails to provide proof~~  
17 ~~from the tax collector that all municipal taxes have been paid to date. Every certificate of~~  
18 ~~registration shall be placed in a conspicuous location in each business establishment.~~

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

3           ~~(e) Any person, whether as principal, agent, employee, or otherwise, who violates any of~~  
4 ~~the provisions of this chapter, shall be fined not exceeding twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for each~~  
5 ~~offense. The fines shall inure to the town and each day that the violation continues shall be~~  
6 ~~deemed to constitute a 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 repeal the requirement that all businesses in Smithfield register and pay a
- 2 business registration fee to the town.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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