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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

#### AN ACT

### RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Winfield, Ucci, Martin, Palangio, and Serpa

Date Introduced: January 23, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

| 1  | SECTION 1. Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "State Affairs and Government" is              |
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| 2  | hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:                                         |
| 3  | CHAPTER 155                                                                                     |
| 4  | ONLINE PAYMENTS OF GOVERNMENTAL FEES                                                            |
| 5  | 42-155-1. Online payments of governmental fees Notwithstanding the provisions of                |
| 6  | any general law, rule, regulation or ordinance to the contrary, whenever any general law, rule, |
| 7  | regulation or ordinance requires that a governmental-related fee or charge be paid only by the  |
| 8  | means of an online credit card payment, then in such instance, the governmental department or   |
| 9  | agency, including without limitation any state, municipal or quasi-public department or agency  |
| 10 | of any kind, shall be prohibited from charging any additional fee or charge in connection with  |
| 11 | said payment.                                                                                   |
| 12 | SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.                                             |

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#### EXPLANATION

## BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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- 1 This act would prohibit governmental agencies from charging an additional fee in
- 2 connection with online credit card payments.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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