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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES-FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING

Introduced By: Representative Spencer E. Dickinson

Date Introduced: February 26, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11-18 of the General Laws entitled "Fraud and False Dealing" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **11-18-1.4. False statement to any member of the general assembly. -- (a) No person**
4 shall knowingly give to any member of the general assembly, while acting in their official
5 capacity, any statement which is false or erroneous, or defective in any important particular, and
6 which, to his or her knowledge, is intended to mislead the member of the general assembly while
7 acting in their official capacity.

8 (b) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty
9 of a felony, and upon conviction, shall be imprisoned for a term not exceeding five (5) years or be
10 fined not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

11 (c) The attorney general shall investigate a violation under this section. If the attorney
12 general finds that a person has violated or is violating this section the attorney general may bring
13 a civil action against the person.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would make it a felony criminal offense to knowingly give to any member of the
2 general assembly, acting in their official capacity, any statement which is false or erroneous, or
3 defective, and is intended to mislead the member of the general assembly while acting in their
4 official capacity. It would also create a civil cause of action by the Attorney General.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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