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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Introduced By: Representatives Ackerman, Voas, Phillips, and Marszalkowski

Date Introduced: January 19, 2024

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-2 of the General Laws entitled "General Powers" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-2-31.6. Business registration - Town of Cumberland.**

4 (a) All wholesale, retail, commercial, professional service or manufacturing businesses,
5 whether by sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations or any business entity, shall register
6 their business, company, trade, or office situated in the town of Cumberland with the town clerk of
7 the town of Cumberland. Each registration shall contain the name of the firm or business; the name
8 of the owner(s) or operator(s) of the firm or business; the location of the business, the type of
9 business to be conducted; and other basic information required by the town clerk.

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 registrant.
13 No other business of the same trade name shall be allowed to register once a certificate of
14 registration has been issued without the approval of the prior registrant in writing. Every
15 registration certificate shall expire the 31st day in December 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.

19 (d) Any business required to obtain a liquor, victualling, or any other license to operate

1 under any other section of the general laws shall be exempt from paying the fee required by this
2 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 to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day for
5 each offense. Any fine imposed under this statute and/or the ordinance promulgated by the town
6 council pursuant to this section may be appealed to the Cumberland municipal court. The fines
7 shall inure to the town and each day that the violation continues shall be deemed to constitute a
8 separate offense.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize the town of Cumberland to require the registration of wholesale,
2 retail, commercial, professional service or manufacturing businesses situated in Cumberland.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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