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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Introduced By: Representative Steven M. Costantino

Date Introduced: January 20, 2010

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "STATE AFFAIRS AND
2 GOVERNMENT" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 153

4 CHARITABLE GIVING BY PUBLIC CORPORATIONS

5 **42-153-1. Definitions.** -- (a) For the purposes of this chapter the following definitions
6 shall apply:

7 (1) "Charitable donation" means any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane,
8 patriotic, social service, civil, fraternal, police, labor, religious or eleemosynary gift or grant.

9 (2) "Public corporation" means a corporate entity within the purview of subdivisions 35-
10 18-2(9) and 35-20-5(4) which is considered a governmental agency but which has a distinct legal
11 existence from the state or any municipality, does not constitute a department of state or
12 municipal government, and has the ability to sue or be sued in its own name.

13 **42-153-2. Charitable donations prohibited.** -- Public corporations of the state shall be
14 prohibited from making charitable donations.

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

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EXPLANATION
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