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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Connors, Ruggerio, DaPonte, and McBurney Date Introduced: February 11, 2010 Referred To: Senate Rules

1	RESOLVED, That the Rules of the Senate for the years 2009 and 2010 are hereby
2	amended by adding the following section:
3	SECTION 11
4	ETHICS
5	11.1 Conflict of Interest.
6	No member of the senate shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect,
7	or engage in any business, employment, transaction, or professional activity, or incur any
8	obligation of any nature, which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her
9	duties or employment in the public interest and of his or her responsibilities as prescribed in the
10	laws of this state, as defined in rule 11.3.
11	11.2 Use of Office.
12	No member of the senate shall use in any way his or her public office or confidential
13	information received through his or her holding office to obtain financial gain, other than that
14	provided by law, for him or herself, or any person within his or her family, any business
15	associate, or any business by which the person is employed or which the person represents.
16	11.3 Interest in Conflict with Discharge of Duties.
17	11.3-1 Interest in Substantial Conflict.
18	A member of the senate has an interest which is in substantial conflict with the proper
19	discharge of his or her duties in the public interest and of his or her responsibilities as prescribed
20	in the laws of this state, if he or she has reason to believe or expect that he or she or any person

within his or her family or any business associate, or any business by which the person is
employed or which the person represents will derive a direct monetary gain or suffer a direct
monetary loss, as the case may be, by reason of his or her official activity.

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11.3-2 Interest Not in Substantial Conflict.

5 A member of the senate does not have an interest which is in substantial conflict with the 6 proper discharge of his or her duties in the public interest and of his or her responsibilities as 7 prescribed by the laws of this state, if any benefit or detriment accrues to him or her or any person 8 within his or her family or any business associate, or any business by which the person is 9 employed or which the person represents, as a member of a business, profession, occupation, or 10 group, or of any significant and definable class of persons within the business, profession, 11 occupation, or group, to no greater extent than any other similarly situated member of the 12 business, profession, occupation, or group, or of the significant and definable class of persons 13 within the business, profession, occupation, or group.

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