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"AN ACT AMENDING CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS CONCERNING DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS, EXPENDITURES BY CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, SURPLUSES OF REFERENDUM COMMITTEES, PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGNS FEATURING CANDIDATES, SOLICITATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT HEADS AND AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND CERTAIN PARTY OR POLITICAL COMMITTEES."

1 Strike section 5 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 5. Section 9-333x of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

5 The following persons shall be guilty of illegal practices and shall be
6 punished in accordance with the provisions of section 9-333y:

7 (1) Any person who, directly or indirectly, individually or by
8 another person, gives or offers or promises to any person any money,
9 gift, advantage, preferment, entertainment, aid, emolument or other

10 valuable thing for the purpose of inducing or procuring any person to
11 sign a nominating, primary or referendum petition or to vote or refrain
12 from voting for or against any person or for or against any measure at
13 any election, caucus, convention, primary or referendum;

14 (2) Any person who, directly or indirectly, receives, accepts,
15 requests or solicits from any person, committee, association,
16 organization or corporation, any money, gift, advantage, preferment,
17 aid, emolument or other valuable thing for the purpose of inducing or
18 procuring any person to sign a nominating, primary or referendum
19 petition or to vote or refrain from voting for or against any person or
20 for or against any measure at any such election, caucus, primary or
21 referendum;

22 (3) Any person who, in consideration of any money, gift, advantage,
23 preferment, aid, emolument or other valuable thing paid, received,
24 accepted or promised to the person's advantage or any other person's
25 advantage, votes or refrains from voting for or against any person or
26 for or against any measure at any such election, caucus, primary or
27 referendum;

28 (4) Any person who solicits from any candidate any money, gift,
29 contribution, emolument or other valuable thing for the purpose of
30 using the same for the support, assistance, benefit or expenses of any
31 club, company or organization, or for the purpose of defraying the cost
32 or expenses of any political campaign, primary, referendum or
33 election;

34 (5) Any person who, directly or indirectly, pays, gives, contributes
35 or promises any money or other valuable thing to defray or towards
36 defraying the cost or expenses of any campaign, primary, referendum
37 or election to any person, committee, company, club, organization or
38 association, other than to a campaign treasurer, except that this
39 subdivision shall not apply to any expenses for postage, telegrams,
40 telephoning, stationery, express charges, traveling, meals, lodging or
41 photocopying incurred by any candidate for office or for nomination to

42 office, so far as may be permitted under the provisions of this chapter;

43 (6) Any person who, in order to secure or promote the person's own
44 nomination or election as a candidate, or that of any other person,
45 directly or indirectly, promises to appoint, or promises to secure or
46 assist in securing the appointment, nomination or election of any other
47 person to any public position, or to any position of honor, trust or
48 emolument; but any person may publicly announce the person's own
49 choice or purpose in relation to any appointment, nomination or
50 election in which the person may be called to take part, if the person is
51 nominated for or elected to such office;

52 (7) Any person who, directly or indirectly, individually or through
53 another person, makes a payment or promise of payment to a
54 campaign treasurer in a name other than the person's own, and any
55 campaign treasurer who knowingly receives a payment or promise of
56 payment, or enters or causes the same to be entered in the person's
57 accounts in any other name than that of the person by whom such
58 payment or promise of payment is made;

59 (8) Any person who knowingly and wilfully violates any provision
60 of this chapter;

61 (9) Any person who offers or receives a cash contribution in excess
62 of one hundred dollars to promote the success or defeat of any political
63 party, candidate or referendum question;

64 (10) Any person who solicits, makes or receives a contribution that
65 is otherwise prohibited by any provision of this chapter; [or]

66 (11) Any department head or deputy department head of a state
67 department who solicits a contribution on behalf of, or for the benefit
68 of, any candidate for state, district or municipal office or any political
69 party; or

70 (12) Any municipal employee who solicits a contribution on behalf
71 of, or for the benefit of, any candidate for state, district or municipal

72 office or any political party, from (A) an individual under the
73 supervision of such employee, (B) the spouse or a dependent child of
74 such individual, or (C) (i) an individual who is a director of or has an
75 ownership interest in a business having a contract with the agency in
76 which such municipal employee is employed, except for an individual
77 who owns less than five per cent of the shares of any such business
78 that is a publicly traded corporation, (ii) an individual who is
79 employed by such business as president, treasurer or executive or
80 senior vice-president, (iii) an individual who is employed by such
81 business and has managerial or discretionary responsibilities with
82 respect to such contract, (iv) the spouse or a dependent child of an
83 individual described in this subparagraph, or (v) a political committee
84 established by or on behalf of an individual described in this
85 subparagraph. The provisions of this subdivision shall not restrict a
86 municipal employee who is subject to the prohibitions under this
87 subdivision on soliciting certain contributions from establishing an
88 exploratory or candidate committee for the employee's own campaign
89 or from soliciting contributions for such committees from other
90 persons."