

Operation Clean Government Study Committee on Class Exception
Proposed changes to R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-7 Interest in conflict with discharge of duties

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(a) A person subject to this Code of Ethics has an interest which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties or employment in the public interest and of his or her responsibilities as prescribed 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, or any organization, either for profit or not for profit, or any state agency or municipal agency by which the person is employed or which the person represents ~~will derive a direct monetary gain or suffer a direct monetary loss~~ will derive any benefit, financial or otherwise, ~~as the case may be,~~ by reason of his or her official activity.

*(The change to (a) is to include other benefits besides monetary gain that can be considered a conflict. By adding “ organization, either for profit or not for profit or state agency or municipal agency,” it will include those entities that do not necessarily fall within the definition of “business” Also by adding, financial or otherwise, it is consistent with **R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-5 Persons subject to the Code of Ethics. (a)**)*