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Administrative Law. *An Act Relating to State Agencies & Public Corp. Financial Integrity & Accountability.* Provides that it is unlawful for any employee of a public corporation or the state of Rhode Island to use, or permit others to use, for their own personal use, credit cards issued by their employer. Effective July 18, 2000. 2000 R.I. Pub. Laws ch. 312-13.

This legislation (the Act) amends Title 35, entitled "Public Corporation Financial Integrity and Accountability," and Title 42, entitled "Department of Administration," of the Rhode Island General Laws. The Act provides that it is unlawful for any employee of a public corporation or any employee of the State of Rhode Island to use or permit others to use credit cards issued by the state for the employee's personal use.¹ Personal use is defined as any use "the purpose of which is for personal enjoyment, private gain or advantage, or an outside endeavor not related to the business of" the public corporation or of the state.²

Any person who violates the Act will be liable for a penalty equal to three times the value of the unlawful use plus an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars.³ The penalty will be recovered in a civil action brought by the Attorney General in the name of the people of the State of Rhode Island.⁴ Violators of the Act will be jointly and severally liable for the penalty.⁵ All moneys recovered will be paid into the General Fund.⁶ Criminal charges could also be brought against anyone violating the Act.⁷

The executive officers of the public corporations and the director of the Department of Administration shall implement policies and procedures regarding the use of state-issued credit cards and for the payment for food and beverages.⁸

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1. See R.I. Gen. Laws § 35-20-10 (1956) (1997 Reenactment & Supp. 1999); R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-11-14.2 (1956) (1993 Reenactment & Supp. 1999).

2. R.I. Gen. Laws § 35-20-10(b); R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-11-14.2(b).

3. See R.I. Gen. Laws § 35-20-10(c).

4. See *id.*

5. See *id.*

6. See *id.*

7. See *id.*

8. See R.I. Gen. Laws § 35-20-11; R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-11-14.3.