**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO AMEND RULE 10.1 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO PERSONS WHO MAY BE ADMITTED TO THE HOUSE CHAMBER WHEN THE HOUSE IS IN SESSION, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE FROM ADMITTANCE TO THE HOUSE CHAMBER WHEN THE HOUSE IS IN SESSION IN THE SAME MANNER THAT LOBBYISTS ARE PROHIBITED ADMITTANCE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That Rule 10.1 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

“**10.1** Only the following persons shall be admitted within the House Chamber during a session of the House unless otherwise authorized by House Resolution or with special leave of the House as provided herein.

The present and former members and officers and present employees of the House of Representatives; the members of the Press as designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Governor; the Lieutenant Governor; each statewide constitutional officer; the present members, officers, and employees of the Senate; the present employees of the Legislative Council; dignitaries and the family of members designated by the Speaker, employees of the respective legislative delegations; the employees of legislative caucuses, and such persons as may be invited by resolution of the House; *provided*, however, that employees of legislative caucuses, legislative delegations, the Senate, state agencies, and other branches of state government that are authorized admittance must remain behind the rail in the back of the Chamber at all times when the House is in session; *provided*, no seat in the House shall be occupied by anyone except the members thereof. No member of the staff of the Governor’s Office or lobbyist, including former members registered as lobbyists, shall be admitted within the Hall without special leave of the House. No former member seeking personal favors nor any former member who has filed as a candidate or is a candidate for a position which is elected by the General Assembly shall be admitted within the outer doors of the Chamber without special leave of the House. *Provided*, that no member of the Press may conduct interviews within the House Chamber while the House is in session.

*Provided*, that notwithstanding other provisions of this rule, access within the outer doors of the Chamber is denied to any former House member who has been convicted of a crime, the conviction of which would impose a maximum penalty of imprisonment of one year or more. This paragraph does not apply to a former House member who is re‑elected to either House of the General Assembly after the conviction of the crime referred to in this paragraph.”

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