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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

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RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Carnevale, Fellela, and Costantino

Date Introduced: February 06, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 15-3-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 15-3 entitled "Solemnization  
2 of Marriages" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **15-3-5. Officials empowered to join persons in marriage.** -- Every ordained clergy or  
4 elder in good standing, every justice of the supreme court, superior court, family court, workers'  
5 compensation court, district court or traffic tribunal, the clerk of the supreme court, every clerk or  
6 general chief clerk of a superior court, family court, district court, or traffic tribunal, magistrates,  
7 special or general magistrates of the superior court, family court, traffic tribunal or district court,  
8 administrative clerks of the district court, administrators of the workers' compensation court,  
9 every former justice or judge and former administrator of these courts and every former chief  
10 clerk of the district court, and every former clerk or general chief clerk of a superior court, the  
11 secretary of the senate, elected clerks of the general assembly, any former secretary of the senate  
12 or any former elected clerk of the general assembly who retires after July 1, 2007, judges of the  
13 United States appointed pursuant to Article III of the United States Constitution, bankruptcy  
14 judges appointed pursuant to Article I of the United States Constitution, and United States  
15 magistrate judges appointed pursuant to federal law, may join persons in marriage in any city or  
16 town in this state; and every justice and every former justice of the municipal courts of the cities  
17 and towns in this state and of the police court of the town of Johnston and the administrator of the  
18 Johnston municipal court, while he or she is serving as an administrator and every probate judge  
19 and every former probate judge may join persons in marriage in any city or town in this state, and

1 wardens of the town of New Shoreham may join persons in marriage in New Shoreham.

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow the administrator of the Johnston municipal court to perform  
2 marriages.

3           This act would take effect upon passages.

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