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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Almeida, Caldwell, and Hull

Date Introduced: February 14, 2019

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 37-14.1-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 37-14.1 entitled
2 "Minority Business Enterprise" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **37-14.1-6. Minority business enterprise participation.**

4 (a) Minority business enterprises shall be included in all procurements and construction
5 projects under this chapter and shall be awarded a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the dollar
6 value of the entire procurement or project. The director of the department of administration is
7 further authorized to establish by rules and regulation [the certification process and](#) formulas for
8 giving minority business enterprises a preference in contract and subcontract awards.

9 (b) [Any minority business enterprise currently certified by the U.S. Small Business](#)
10 [Administration as an 8\(a\) firm governed by 13 C.F.R. part 124 shall be deemed to be certified by](#)
11 [the department of administration as a minority business enterprise and shall only be required to](#)
12 [submit evidence of federal certification of good standing.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would provide that any minority business enterprise that is certified under the
2 Federal Small Business Act shall be deemed certified by the department of administration as a
3 minority business enterprise.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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