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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Fox, Watson, Lima, and Serpa

Date Introduced: February 02, 2010

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 37-2 of the General Laws entitled "State Purchases" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **37-2-80. Selection of vendors and services with place of business located in Rhode**
4 **Island. -- The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations has a large number of well-**
5 **qualified vendors and service-oriented businesses. In instances where contracts are entirely**
6 **supported by state funds and two (2) or more vendors or service providers are judged to be equal**
7 **on all other factors, the chief purchasing officer shall select a vendor or service provider whose**
8 **headquarters or primary place of business is located within the state or secondly select those**
9 **entities that propose a joint venture with a vendor or service provider whose headquarters or**
10 **primary place of business is within the state.**

11 This section shall not apply to contracts that are financed in part or in their entirety by the
12 federal government, including, but not limited to, contracts supported by the Federal Highway
13 Administration (FHA), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the Federal Aviation
14 Administration (FAA) or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require the state purchasing officer to select in-state, or joint venture
- 2 vendors with an in-state place of business when all other aspects of a purchase are identical.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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