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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Newberry, and Martin

Date Introduced: February 23, 2010

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 30-15-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 30-15 entitled
2 "Emergency Management" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~**30-15-12. Local emergency management.** -- (a) Each city and town of the state shall~~
4 ~~establish through local ordinance a comparable agency, headed by a director, similar to the state-~~
5 ~~wide disaster agency, with powers and duties within their respective jurisdictions similar to those~~
6 ~~of the agency. This agency shall be known as the "(here insert the name of the city or town)~~
7 ~~emergency management agency". Local agencies shall cooperate with and assist the agency and~~
8 ~~shall perform such services as may be requested by it. Local agencies may act jointly with other~~
9 ~~such agencies.~~

10 ~~(b) The chief executive officer of each city or town has powers and duties with respect to~~
11 ~~emergency management within their city or town similar to those of the governor on the state~~
12 ~~level, not inconsistent with other provisions of law.~~

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would end the requirement that mandates each city and town have their own
2 emergency management agency.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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