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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND ENERGY
EFFICIENCY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL -- OIL HEAT ENERGY
EFFICIENCY FUND

Introduced By: Representative Arthur Handy

Date Introduced: February 25, 2010

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-140.1-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-140.1 entitled "The
2 Rhode Island Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council" is hereby amended to read
3 as follows:

4 **42-140.1-6. Additional general powers.** -- In order to effectuate its powers and duties
5 the council has the following powers:

6 (a) To make any studies of conditions, activities, or problems related to the state's energy
7 needs, usage, and supplies to carry out its responsibilities.

8 (b) To adopt amend bylaws, to establish committees, to elect and/or appoint officers and
9 agents, and to engage consultants and professional services as necessary and appropriate to fulfill
10 its purposes.

11 (c) To accept and administer grants from the federal government and from other sources,
12 public or private, for the carrying out of any of its functions, which loans or grants shall not be
13 expended for other than the purposes for which provided.

14 (d) To work with the appropriate federal, regional, and state agencies, and private
15 entities.

16 (e) To apply for, accept and expend allocations, grants and bequests of funds, for the
17 purpose of carrying out the lawful responsibilities of the council.

18 (f) There is hereby imposed upon the sale of oil used for residential heating purposes,

1 (commonly referred to as “number two heating oil”) a system benefit charge at the rate of two
2 and one-half cents (\$.025) per gallon to be deposited in a restricted receipt account, with a ten
3 percent (10%) limit of the proceeds for administrative costs, for the purpose of carrying out the
4 purposes of this section and sections 42-140-3 and 42-140.1-5.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would impose a two and one-half cent (\$.025) per gallon charge on home heating
- 2 oil sales to support the energy efficiency and resource management council.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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