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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS

Introduced By: Representatives Nardone, Lyle, Place, Newberry, and Price

Date Introduced: February 26, 2020

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-55-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-55 entitled "Award of
2 Municipal Contracts" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **45-55-9. Small purchases.**

4 Procurements, not to exceed an aggregate amount of ~~ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)~~
5 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for construction and ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000)~~ ten
6 thousand dollars (\$10,000) for all other purchases may be made in accordance with small purchase
7 regulations promulgated by the municipality. These amounts shall be increased or decreased
8 annually hereafter at the same rate as the Boston Regional Consumer Price Index. Procurement
9 requirements shall not be artificially divided so as to constitute a small purchase under this section.
10 A municipality may further reduce the aggregate purchase amount, as provided for in this section
11 by ordinance.

12 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 increase the aggregate amount applicable to cities and towns for
2 procurements that qualify as small purchases, from ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to twenty-five
3 thousand dollars (\$25,000) for construction, and from five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to ten
4 thousand dollars (\$10,000) for all other purchases.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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