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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**CREATING A SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE  
RECOMMENDATIONS ON STREAMLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR  
BUSINESSES IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Trillo, Costa, and Giarrusso

Date Introduced: April 10, 2014

Referred To: House Corporations

1           RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created  
2 consisting of nine (9) members: five (5) of whom shall be members of the House of  
3 Representatives, not more than four (4) from the same political party, to be appointed by the  
4 Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be a member of the Hospitality Industry in Rhode  
5 Island, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be a member of the  
6 Building Industry in Rhode Island, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of whom  
7 shall be a member of the Service Industry in Rhode Island, to be appointed by the Speaker of the  
8 House; and one of whom shall be a member of the Retail Industry in Rhode Island, to be  
9 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

10           In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory  
11 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly  
12 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu  
13 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which  
14 is entitled to the appointment consents to the member of the general public.

15           The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and analysis of  
16 the current permitting process for businesses in Rhode Island and to make recommendations for  
17 potential changes/modifications to regulations, rules or general law requirements in order to  
18 streamline and simplify the process.

19           Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at

1 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson.

2 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

3 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

4 All departments and agencies of the state, shall furnish such advice and information,  
5 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or  
6 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

7 The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters  
8 for said commission; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
10 House of Representatives no later than January 6, 2015, and said commission shall expire on  
11 March 6, 2015.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
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1           This resolution would create a nine (9) member special legislative study commission  
2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of the current business permitting  
3 process and to make recommendations to streamline the process, and who would report back to  
4 the House of Representatives no later than January 6, 2015, and whose life would expire on  
5 March 6, 2015.

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