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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM
WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY
HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Introduced By: Senators Lombardi, Archambault, DiPalma, Walaska, and Felag

Date Introduced: February 12, 2015

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-12 of the General Laws entitled "Department of Human
2 Services" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-12-31. Emergency housing assistance fund.** – (a) There is established an emergency
4 housing assistance fund which shall be administered by the department of human services in
5 conjunction with community action program agencies.

6 (b) The general assembly shall annually appropriate sufficient amounts to fund the
7 emergency housing assistance fund.

8 (c) The purpose of the emergency housing assistance fund is to assist in providing safe
9 and affordable housing to residents.

10 (d) The department of human services will promulgate rules and regulations regarding the
11 use and disbursement of all sums appropriated by the general assembly for the emergency
12 housing assistance fund. These rules and regulations will be promulgated pursuant to the Rhode
13 Island administrative procedures act, chapter 35 of title 42.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would establish an emergency housing assistance fund to be administered by the
- 2 department of human services in conjunction with community action program agencies.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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