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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FIRE SAFETY CODE--GENERAL PROVISIONS

Introduced By: Senators Bates, Hodgson, Ciccone, McCaffrey, and Felag

Date Introduced: March 10, 2011

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-28.1 of the General Laws entitled "Fire Safety Code—General
2 Provisions is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-28.1-11. Applicability to highly congested structures.** – Notwithstanding any
4 general or special law, statute, regulation, ordinance or rule to the contrary, and unless otherwise
5 specified, the provisions of this chapter shall only apply to buildings or structures that, in the
6 opinion of the fire marshal, or his or her designee within the division, are highly trafficked,
7 populated or congested and present a clear public safety risk, in accordance with guidelines
8 established by the fire marshal.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that the provisions of the state fire code shall only apply to
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3 congested and present a clear public safety risk, in accordance with guidelines established by the
4 fire marshal.

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