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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011**

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY --  
SERVICE OF PROCESS

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Picard, McCaffrey, Tassoni, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: March 24, 2011

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 9-5-35 of the General Laws in Chapter 9-5 entitled "Writs,  
2           Summons and Process" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **9-5-35. Service of court papers at work.** – (a) No employer within this state is  
4           permitted to refuse or obstruct the service of any court process upon an employee at the place of  
5           employment and such service shall not be grounds for dismissal of the employee. The employer  
6           may designate an area where the service may be effected.

7           (b) Any employer and/or agent of such employer, violating the provisions of this section  
8           shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not exceeding  
9           one year and/or fined an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would add penalties to the provisions of Rhode Island general law 95-35
- 2 regarding interference with service of process in the workplace.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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