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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO SUPPORT PASSAGE OF
THE MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT OF 2015

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Paiva Weed, Goodwin, DiPalma, and DaPonte

Date Introduced: April 01, 2015

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, On March 10, 2015, the United States Senate introduced legislation "to
2 restore the States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other
3 purposes," also known as the "Marketplace Fairness Act of 2015"; and

4 WHEREAS, Passage of the Act, S. 698, is an important component in our state's efforts
5 to end an unfair competitive edge that online and remote sellers have enjoyed over "main street
6 business" and will help to close a loophole in Rhode Island's ability to collect and remit all sales
7 taxes duly owed the state; and

8 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's small businesses are the engine that drive our state's
9 economy and passage of The Marketplace Fairness Act of 2015 would help to "level the playing
10 field" so our businesses may flourish; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
12 hereby respectfully urges the United States Senate to support the passage of the Marketplace
13 Fairness Act of 2015; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Jack Reed, United States
16 Senator, and the Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse, United States Senator.

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