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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Walaska, and Lynch

Date Introduced: April 14, 2011

Referred To: Senate Government Oversight

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 37-2-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 37-2 entitled "State
2 Purchases" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **37-2-12. Centralization of the procurement authority.** -- All rights, powers, duties, and
4 authority relating to the procurement of supplies, services, and construction, and the management,
5 control, warehousing, sale, and disposal of supplies, services, and construction now vested in or
6 exercised by any state agency under the several statutes relating thereto are hereby transferred to
7 the chief purchasing officer as provided in this chapter, subject to the provisions of section 37-2-
8 54. A public agency does not have to utilize the centralized purchasing of the state but the public
9 agency, through its existing internal purchasing function, shall adhere to the general principles,
10 policies and practices set forth in this chapter. The chief purchasing officer shall not delegate to
11 the Rhode Island department of transportation any purchasing authority to enter into binding
12 contract amendments on behalf of the state, except for purchases made pursuant to section 37-2-
13 22.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prohibit the state purchasing officer from delegating to the department of
2 transportation any purchasing authority to enter into a binding contract on behalf of the state
3 except in the case of small purchases not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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