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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION
AND ENFORCEMENT ACT

Introduced By: Senators Walaska, Lynch, Bates, Pichardo, and Tassoni

Date Introduced: February 04, 2010

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 15-14.1 of the General Laws entitled "Uniform Child Custody
2 Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **15-14.1-15.1. Modification of child custody.** – A permanent modification in custody
4 shall not occur while one of the parties/parents is in active military service or is actively deployed
5 out of state. The actively deployed military parent's absence, relocation or failure to comply with
6 existing custody and visitation orders shall not by itself be sufficient to justify a permanent
7 modification of a custody order. There may be a temporary custody order entered to reflect the
8 current situation and to address the child's present best interest. The family court shall review the
9 temporary order, custody and visitation, upon the deployed military parent's return from service.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide that no permanent modification to custody would occur while a
- 2 military parent is deployed and that upon said parent's return, the family court would review any
- 3 temporary order, custody and visitation.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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