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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES

Introduced By: Senators Walaska, McCaffrey, Lynch, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 37-2 of the General Laws entitled "State Purchases" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **37-2-80. Selection of vendors and services with place of business located in Rhode**  
4 **Island.** – The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations has a large number of well  
5 qualified vendors and service oriented businesses. In instances where contracts are entirely  
6 supported by state funds, it is in the best interest of the state that all other things being equal, the  
7 State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations shall select a vendor or service provider whose  
8 headquarters or primary place of business is located within the state of Rhode Island, or secondly  
9 select those entities that propose a joint venture with a vendor or service provider whose  
10 headquarters or primary place of business is within the State of Rhode Island.

11           By November 1, 2010, the state purchasing agent shall, through rules and regulations,  
12 ensure that any contracts or purchases made pursuant to sections 37-2-17.1, 37-2-18, 37-2-18.1,  
13 37-2-19, 37-2-20, 37-2-21 or 37-2-22 conform to the purposes of this chapter.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would provide that vendors and service providers for the State of Rhode Island  
2 that have headquarters or primary place of business in Rhode Island be given preference on  
3 contracts or purchases involving the state.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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