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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES

Introduced By: Senators Cool Rumsey, Conley, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, and DaPonte

Date Introduced: March 25, 2014

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 **37-2-81. Selection of vendors and services based on economic security and pay**
4 **equality.** – [The director of the department of administration is authorized and directed to](#)
5 [promulgate rules and regulations giving preference in contract and/or subcontract awards to](#)
6 [business enterprises whose highest paid executive receives compensation and/or salary equal to](#)
7 [thirty-two \(32\) times or less than the compensation and/or salary paid to its lowest paid full-time](#)
8 [employee. To the extent that any of the provisions contained in this section conflict with the](#)
9 [requirements for federal contracts; federal law and/or federal regulations shall control.](#)

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would establish a preference in the awarding of contracts for any person or
2 business doing business with the state whose highest paid executive receives compensation and/or
3 a salary equal to or less than thirty-two (32) times the compensation and/or salary paid to its
4 lowest paid full-time employee, unless contrary to federal law.

5 This act would take effect on January 1, 2015.

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