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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

JOINT RESOLUTION

CREATING A LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES PERTAINING TO
EXCISE TAX ON RENTAL VEHICLES (RIGL 44-34-4)

Introduced By: Senator Daniel DaPonte

Date Introduced: June 10, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of seventeen (17) members: four (4) of whom shall be members of the Senate, not
3 more than three (3) from the same political party, to be appointed by the President of the Senate;
4 four (4) of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives, not more than three (3) from
5 the same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; three (3) of whom shall be
6 city or town tax assessors, two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House and
7 one of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Senate; three (3) of whom shall be
8 representatives from national or interstate rental companies with four hundred (400) or more cars,
9 one of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two (2) of whom shall be
10 appointed by the President of the Senate; and three (3) of whom shall be representatives from
11 rental companies with fleets of less than four hundred (400) cars, two (2) of whom shall be
12 appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one of whom shall be appointed by the President of
13 the Senate.

14 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
15 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
16 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
17 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which
18 is entitled to the appointment consents to the appointment of the member of the general public.

19 The purpose of said commission shall include, but not be limited to, a comprehensive

1 study of:

2 (a) The efficacy of separate local excise taxation on rented or leased vehicles, and the
3 impact of such taxation on businesses, for rental periods of generally less than a six-month
4 duration; and

5 (b) Whether the excise tax should be uniform in assessed values, rates, long-term
6 business modeling, planning, and conformity with tax laws.

7 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
8 the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and organize. The President
9 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each select one member to serve as co-
10 chairpersons of the commission.

11 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

12 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

13 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
14 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
15 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

16 The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to
17 provide suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
19 General Assembly no later than March 2, 2011, and said commission shall expire on June 2,
20 2011.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This resolution would create a seventeen (17) member special legislative commission
- 2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of issues pertaining to excise tax on
- 3 rental vehicle, and who would report back to the General Assembly no later than March 2, 2011,
- 4 and said commission would expire on June 2, 2011.

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