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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CHALLENGES
FACING COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE REDEVELOPMENT OF HISTORIC
BUILDINGS IN RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Ruggerio, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: June 20, 2014

Referred To: Placed on Senate Calendar

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of nine (9) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the Senate, not more than
3 two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; one of
4 whom shall be the Director of the Department of Administration, or designee; one of whom shall
5 be the Administrator of the Division of Taxation, or designee; one of whom shall be the President
6 of the Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades Council, or designee; one of whom shall
7 be the President of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, or designee; one of whom
8 shall be the Deputy Director of the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage
9 Commission, or designee; and one of whom shall be a member of the general public with an
10 expertise in commercial real estate development of historic buildings, to be appointed by the
11 President of the Senate.

12 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and issue
13 findings regarding the challenges facing commercial development and the redevelopment of
14 historic buildings in Rhode Island; the benefits of rehabilitating these buildings; and the best ways
15 to spur the buildings' reuse when it is in the best interest of the state.

16 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
17 the call of the President of the Senate who shall select a chairperson.

18 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.
19 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services. All

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

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

6 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
7 Senate on or before February 15, 2015, and said commission shall expire on April 30, 2015.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This resolution would create a nine (9) member special legislative commission whose
2 purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study regarding the challenges facing commercial
3 development and the redevelopment of historic buildings in the state, and who would report back
4 to the Senate on or before February 15, 2015, and said commission would expire on April 30,
5 2015.

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