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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2008

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF  
1990

Introduced By: Representatives Walsh, Giannini, Handy, Lewiss, and Rice

Date Introduced: February 05, 2008

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-112-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-112 entitled "The  
2 Civil Rights Act of 1990" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-112-2. Civil liability.** -- A person whose rights under the provision of section 42-112-  
4 1 have been violated may commence a civil action for injunctive and other appropriate equitable  
5 relief, and for the award of compensatory and exemplary damages, within three (3) years after the  
6 occurrence of the alleged violation of this chapter. An aggrieved person who prevails in an action  
7 authorized by this section, in addition to other damages, is entitled to an award of the costs of the  
8 litigation and reasonable attorneys' fees in an amount to be fixed by the court.

9 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 impose a three year statute of limitations on civil actions for violating an
- 2 individual's civil rights.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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