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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2009

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

Introduced By: Representatives Walsh, Ajello, Almeida, Williams, and Handy

Date Introduced: January 22, 2009

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  
6 the occurrence of the alleged violation of this chapter. An aggrieved person who prevails in an  
7 action authorized by this section, in addition to other damages, is entitled to an award of the costs  
8 of the 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  
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- 1           This act would set a three (3) year statute of limitations on any alleged violation of this
- 2 chapter.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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