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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

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### AN ACT

## LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - SMALL BUSINESSES - WORKERS COMPENSATION

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Lombardi, Nunes, Tomasso, and Phillips

Date Introduced: February 28, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- SECTION 1. Chapter 42-64 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Economic
- 2 Development Corporation" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 <u>42-64-34.2. Workers' compensation subsidy program. (a) The director, in</u>
- 4 cooperation with the director of labor and training, shall establish a program that offers
- 5 <u>businesses</u> with ten (10) or less employees a subsidy to assist in the payment of workers'
- 6 compensation insurance coverage for newly hired apprentices during their first year of
- 7 <u>employment.</u>
- 8 (b) The sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be appropriated to cover the cost of
- 9 this program.
- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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## **EXPLANATION**

### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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a subsidy to assist in the payment of workers' compensation insurance coverage for newly hired
apprentices during their first year of employment.

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