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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND ENERGY
RESOURCES ACT

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Conley, Walaska, and P Fogarty

Date Introduced: February 25, 2015

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-140 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Energy
2 Resources Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3 **42-140-11. Development of alternative fuel markets.** – No later than January 31, 2016,
4 the office of energy resources shall issue findings and recommendations to the governor and the
5 general assembly to promote the development of markets for alternative thermal and
6 transportation fuel, including any statutory and/or regulatory changes. In order to carry out the
7 requirements of this section, the office of energy resources shall establish a task force and appoint
8 members thereto representing a balance of interests, including, but not limited to, thermal and
9 transportation fuel sectors, and the environmental and business communities. The Rhode Island
10 commerce corporation shall transfer to the office up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the
11 renewable energy development fund established in § 39-26-7 for the purpose of hiring the
12 services of qualified consultants to carry out the requirements of this section.

13 **42-140-12. Least cost procurement for delivered fuels.** – No later than January 31,
14 2016, the office of energy resources shall issue findings and recommendations to the governor
15 and the general assembly on creating a least cost procurement program for delivered fuels,
16 including any statutory and/or regulatory changes. In order to carry out the requirements of this
17 section, the office of energy resources shall establish a task force and appoint members thereto
18 representing a balance of interests, including, but not limited to, delivered fuel sectors, and

1 [environmental and business communities. Up to seventy-five thousand dollars \(\\$75,000\) shall be](#)
2 [transferred from the demand side management fund established by § 39-2-1.2 to the office for the](#)
3 [purpose of hiring qualified consultants to carry out the requirements of the section.](#)

4 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 require the office of energy resources to assemble task forces to report on
2 the development of alternative fuel markets and least cost procurement for delivered fuels making
3 findings and recommendations to the governor including any statutory and/or regulatory changes
4 providing funding therefor by January 31, 2016.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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