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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND REGULATORY
REFORM ACT

Introduced By: Senators Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Gallo, Crowley, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: January 27, 2016

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-64.13 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Regulatory
2 Reform Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-64.13-11. Statewide solar permitting. -- (a) No later than December 31, 2016, the**
4 **office of regulatory reform in consultation with the task force established in subsection (b) of this**
5 **section, shall prepare and submit to the governor, the senate president and the speaker of the**
6 **house, a report with recommendations for a statewide permitting process for small residential and**
7 **small commercial roof-top solar projects.**

8 **(b) The office of regulatory reform shall establish a task force and appoint members and,**
9 **at a minimum, shall include:**

10 **(1) The commissioner of the office of energy resources, or designee;**

11 **(2) At least five (5) municipal representatives; and**

12 **(3) A representative from a clean energy regional business association.**

13 **(c) Implementation. The commissioner of the office of energy resources in consultation**
14 **with the director of the office of regulatory reform shall submit to the governor, the senate**
15 **president, and the speaker of the house, proposed legislation establishing a statewide permitting**
16 **process as recommended in the report issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section no later**
17 **than January 31, 2017.**

1 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 establish an office of regulatory reform task force to make
2 recommendations for a statewide solar permitting process for small residential and commercial
3 roof-top solar projects.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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