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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Introduced By: Senators Lynch Prata, Metts, Cano, Quezada, and Pearson

Date Introduced: January 24, 2019

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 37-14.1-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 37-14.1 entitled  
2 "Minority Business Enterprise" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **37-14.1-6. Minority business enterprise participation.**

4 (a) Minority business enterprises shall be included in all procurements and construction  
5 projects under this chapter and shall be awarded a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the dollar  
6 value of the entire procurement or project. The director of the department of administration is  
7 further authorized to establish by rules and regulation formulas for giving minority business  
8 enterprises a preference in contract and subcontract awards.

9 (b) Any minority business enterprise that is certified under the federal Small Business  
10 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 632, shall be deemed to be certified by the department of administration as a  
11 minority business enterprise and shall only be required to submit evidence of federal certification  
12 of good standing.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that any minority business enterprise that is certified under the  
2 federal Small Business Act shall be deemed certified by the department of administration as a  
3 minority business enterprise.

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