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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS --
DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Introduced By: Representatives Canario, Shekarchi, Jacquard, Kennedy, and Craven

Date Introduced: March 12, 2020

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6-13.1 of the General Laws entitled "Deceptive Trade Practices" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **6-13.1-31. Discrimination prohibited.**

4 It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation or association to
5 discriminate or fail or refuse to engage in business or sell a product or service to include, but not
6 be limited to, consumer, banking, insurance and/or professional services, goods or products, to any
7 person based on political affiliation, political position, status as an entertainer, or because the person
8 engages in any other lawful employment position or occupation.

9 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 make it an unlawful practice to discriminate in the sale of a product or
- 2 service based on a person's lawful employment or political affiliation/position.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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