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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER
CLAIMS -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS

Introduced By: Senators Coyne, Seveney, DiMario, Murray, DiPalma, and Euer

Date Introduced: January 26, 2021

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10-16-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 10-16 entitled "Small Claims
2 and Consumer Claims" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **10-16-1. Actions subject to chapter.**

4 In all ex contractu civil actions and in any action to recover the amount of any tax for
5 money only not in excess of ~~two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)~~ seven thousand dollars
6 (\$7,000) exclusive of interest and costs, and in all actions or suits to recover damages resulting
7 from a retail sale of tangible personal property to a member of the general public or from services
8 rendered to a member of the general public in which the plaintiff seeks to recover an amount of
9 money only not in excess of ~~two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)~~ seven thousand dollars
10 (\$7,000) exclusive of interest and costs, and in all actions or suits based upon a negotiable
11 instrument involving an amount of money only not in excess of ~~two thousand five hundred dollars~~
12 ~~(\$2,500)~~ seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) exclusive of interest and costs, the procedure shall, at the
13 plaintiff's election, shown by his or her waiver of appeal, be as provided by this chapter.

14 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 increase the maximum amount to be recovered in civil court action as a
- 2 small claims from two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to seven thousand dollars (\$7,000).
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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