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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022**

#### AN ACT

RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES

<u>Introduced By:</u> Representatives Williams, Giraldo, Alzate, Biah, Vella-Wilkinson, Hull, Amore, Slater, Potter, and Cassar

Date Introduced: March 23, 2022

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- SECTION 1. Chapter 7-6.2 of the General Laws entitled "Workers' Cooperatives" is hereby
- 2 amended by adding thereto the following section:
- **7-6.2-3.1.** Corporations organized for the purpose of furnishing skilled labor.
- 4 A corporation electing to be governed as a workers' cooperative, may in its articles of
- 5 incorporation or bylaws, indicate its intent to be so governed for the purpose of furnishing skilled
- 6 <u>labor through its members performing contract labor for other entities; provided that, any individual</u>
- 7 performing said labor does so under circumstances that demonstrate that the individual's
- 8 relationship to the contracting entity, is one of an independent contractor operating under the
- 9 <u>control of the workers' cooperative corporation.</u>
- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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## **EXPLANATION**

### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would clarify the role of a workers' cooperative to allow it to operate as a hiring hall under certain circumstances.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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