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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON
COASTAL RESOURCES

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Felag, McCaffrey, Walaska, and Bates

Date Introduced: March 21, 2012

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 22 of the General Laws entitled "General Assembly" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 14.3

4 PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON COASTAL RESOURCES

5 **22-14.3-1. Permanent joint committee on coastal resources - Composition. – (a)**

6 There is hereby created a permanent joint committee on coastal resources. The permanent joint
7 committee on coastal resources shall consist of eight (8) members: four (4) of whom shall be
8 members of the senate, not more than three (3) from the same political party, to be appointed by
9 the senate president; and four (4) of whom shall be members of the house of representatives, not
10 more than three (3) from the same political party to be appointed by the speaker of the house.

11 (b) The senate president and the speaker of the house shall consult with the house and
12 senate minority leaders on the appointment of the minority members.

13 **22-14.3-2. Powers and duties of permanent joint committee on coastal resources. –**

14 The permanent joint committee on coastal resources shall have the authority to:

15 (1) Provide oversight of the coastal resources management council and of the department
16 of environmental management in all matters relating to the use, conservation, regulation and
17 management of the coastal resources of this state;

18 (2) Confer, as the committee deems desirable, with the chairperson and staff on the

1 coastal resources management council and with the director and staff of the department of
2 environmental management;

3 (3) Issue subpoenas, subpoenas duces tecum and orders for the production of books,
4 accounts, papers, records and documents; and

5 (4) Make recommendations to the general assembly and propose legislation regarding:

6 (i) The use, conservation, regulation and management of the coastal resources of this
7 state; and

8 (ii) The operation of the coastal resources management council and/or the department of
9 environmental management.

10 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 a permanent joint legislative committee to provide oversight of
- 2 the coastal resources management council and the department of environmental management.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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