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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ENERGY RESOURCES

Introduced By: Representative Samuel A. Azzinaro

Date Introduced: February 27, 2013

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

(Governor)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-140 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Energy
2 Resources Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
3 **42-140-10. Collection of energy data.** – The commissioner of energy resources shall
4 have the authority to collect price, inventory and product delivery dates, including amounts and
5 types of product sold, and other information which is necessary and material regarding petroleum
6 products, natural gas and other fuels available for supply within the state from wholesalers and
7 resellers of petroleum products, natural gas and suppliers of other fuels, doing business in the
8 state. Except as herein provided, all energy information collected by the office under this section
9 shall be maintained for the sole and confidential use of the state, its agencies, and offices. Such
10 information shall not be deemed public record as defined in subdivision 38-2-2(4); provided,
11 however, that aggregates of such information may be prepared and such aggregates shall be
12 public records. Information collected under this section may be shared with the energy offices of
13 other states which afford such information similar protection from public disclosure. All
14 wholesalers, resellers, and end-users of petroleum products and other fuels doing business in the
15 state with a total storage capacity of over fifty thousand (50,000) gallons shall provide
16 information to the office upon request and in such form as the office shall require.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would add a responsibility to the office of energy resources to collect all energy
2 information regarding petroleum products, natural gas, and other fuels including price, inventory,
3 and product delivery dates, amounts, and types of product sold, and other pertinent information.
4 The information collected will not be public information unless prepared for that purpose. The
5 information collected may be shared with energy offices of other states provided they have
6 suitable safeguards against public dissemination.

7 This act shall take effect upon passage.

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