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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW
REGULATION OF DRONES AND UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES**

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Corvese, Azzinaro, Hull, and Bennett

Date Introduced: February 04, 2015

Referred To: House Corporations

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of eleven (11) members: five (5) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island
3 House of Representatives, not more than four (4) from the same political party, to be appointed
4 by the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the Rhode Island Attorney General, or
5 designee; one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, or
6 designee; one of whom shall be the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Emergency
7 Management Agency, or designee; one of whom shall be the President of the University of Rhode
8 Island, or designee; and one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island Airport
9 Corporation, or designee and AUVSI Association Unmanned Vehicle Systems International.

10 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
11 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
12 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
13 of a legislator, provided that the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader of the political party
14 which is entitled to the appointment, consents to the member of the general public.

15 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study, analysis, and
16 recommendations for potential laws, rules, and/or regulations pertaining to the regulation of
17 drones and unmanned aerial vehicles in Rhode Island.

18 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
19 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson.

1 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

2 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

3 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
4 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
5 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

6 The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters
7 for said commission; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
9 House of Representatives no later than January 6, 2016, and said commission shall expire on
10 April 6, 2016.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
HOUSE RESOLUTION
CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW
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- 1 This resolution would create an eleven (11) member special legislative study commission
- 2 whose purpose it would be to study and make recommendations for the regulation of drones and
- 3 unmanned aerial vehicles in Rhode Island, and who would report back to the House no later than
- 4 January 6, 2016, and whose life would expire on April 6, 2016.

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