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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

<u>Introduced By:</u> Representative J. Aaron Regunberg

<u>Date Introduced:</u> February 25, 2015

Referred To: House Finance

(by request)

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It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "STATE AFFAIRS AND 2 GOVERNMENT" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter: 3 **CHAPTER 100.2** RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EUROPEAN UNION 4 5 42-100.2-1. Economic representative to the European Union. -- There is hereby 6 created the post of Rhode Island economic representative to the European Union. 7 42-100.2-2. Appointment. -- The governor shall appoint one person to serve as Rhode 8 Island economic representative to the European Union. This person shall serve at the pleasure of 9 the governor with the appointment to be for a term of not more than five (5) years. 10 42-100.2-3. Qualifications. -- The Rhode Island economic representative to the European Union must have earned recognition and distinction as a business leader in the state of 11 12 Rhode Island. 42-100.2-4. Duties. -- The duties of the Rhode Island economic representative to the 13 14 European Union shall include promoting business activities and economic investments in Rhode Island by different business entities throughout the European Union. 15 16 42-100.2-5. Certification. -- The secretary of state shall issue to the appointee a certificate bearing the seal of the state upon which is designated the name of the appointee, the 17

words "Rhode Island economic representative to the European Union," and the term of office set

- 1 <u>forth from beginning to ending month and year of service.</u>
- 2 <u>42-100.2-6. Position of honor. -- The position of Rhode Island economic representative</u>
- 3 to the European Union shall be honorific only, and shall not confer official status; nor shall the
- 4 statements or views of the Rhode Island economic representative to the European Union be
- 5 regarded as the official position of the state in any court of law, nor the position of any of the
- 6 <u>state officers.</u>
- 7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

AN ACT

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This act would establish the position of Rhode Island economic representative to the European Union.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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