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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES

Introduced By: Representatives McKiernan, Craven, Blazejewski, Williams, and  
O'Brien

Date Introduced: April 16, 2015

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 37 of the General Laws entitled "PUBLIC PROPERTY AND  
2 WORKS" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 2.6

4 PROMPT PAYMENT ACT

5 **37-2.6-1. Prompt payment to private enterprises.** – (a) As used in this chapter "private  
6 enterprise" means an individual or a business which provides goods or services to the state of  
7 Rhode Island and which is not a governmental entity.

8 (b) All private enterprises that supply goods or services to the state of Rhode Island shall  
9 submit a timely written invoice seeking payment.

10 (c) The state shall promptly pay in full the provided invoice within sixty (60) days of its  
11 receipt unless the state contests all or part of the invoice. In that case, the state shall pay, within  
12 sixty (60) days, the uncontested portion of the invoice. The contested portion of the invoice can  
13 be resolved via arbitration, litigation or other procedure. Such arbitration, litigation, or other  
14 procedure shall be initiated within ninety (90) days of notice and description of the contested  
15 portion of the invoice to the private enterprise.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require the state to pay its vendors in full within sixty (60) days of receipt  
2 of its invoice and to timely contest that portion of the invoice which it questions.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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