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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - ORGANIC CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Introduced By: Representative Joseph S. Almeida

Date Introduced: April 08, 2016

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- SECTION 1. Chapter 21-27 of the General Laws entitled "Sanitation in Food
 Establishments" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 21-27-6.2. Organic certification program funding. -- Effective July 1, 2016 and
- 4 thereafter, the department of environmental management shall continue to promote and operate,
- 5 with appropriate staffing levels, its organic certification program. The general assembly shall
- 6 annually appropriate such funds as it deems reasonably necessary to effectively promote and
- 7 <u>operate this program.</u>
 - 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 require effective July 1, 2016 and thereafter, the department of 2 environmental management to continue to promote and operate with appropriate staffing levels, 3 its organic certification program. The general assembly shall provide the funds necessary to 4 maintain this program.

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This act would take effect upon passage.

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