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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

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### AN ACT

## RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS

SECTION 1. Title 40.1 of the General Laws entitled "BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,

Introduced By: Senator Joshua Miller

Date Introduced: March 10, 2016

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

2 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS" is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 the following chapter: 4 CHAPTER 8.6 5 MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER ADVOCATES OF RHODE ISLAND - OASIS WELLNESS 6 **AND RECOVERY CENTER** 7 40.1-8.6-1. Short title. - This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Mental 8 Health Consumer Advocates of Rhode Island – Oasis Wellness and Recovery Center Act". 9 <u>40.1-8.6-2. Purpose.</u> – To ensure that Mental Health Consumer Advocates of Rhode 10 Island is able to continue providing evidence-based peer support, information, and education 11 about fighting the stigmatization of mental illness, and work to effect positive change through 12 legislative action and other advocacy campaigns and through the Oasis Wellness and Recovery 13 Center offer a comprehensive program of long- and short-term evidence-based peer supports 14 ranging from employment to just a friendly, helping hand, and remain dedicated to the continuous 15 support of persons living with serious and persistent mental illness and the well-being of its 16 members. <u>40.1-8.6-3. Appropriations.</u> – There is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the 17

treasury not otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2016-2017, the sum of two hundred and

- 1 <u>ninety-five thousand dollars (\$295,000) to the mental health consumer advocates of Rhode Island</u>
- 2 and the oasis wellness and recovery center; and the state controller is hereby authorized and
- 3 directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much
- 4 thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.
- 5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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## **EXPLANATION**

## BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

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This act would make an appropriation of two hundred ninety-five thousand dollars

(\$295,000) for the Mental Health consumer Advocates of Rhode Island and the Oasis Wellness

and Recovery Center for fiscal year 2016-2017.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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