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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY
ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Corvese, Amore, and Biah

Date Introduced: January 26, 2022

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-20.10 of the General Laws entitled "Public Health and Workplace
2 Safety Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-20.10-15.1. Protection against exposure to secondhand tobacco and marijuana**
4 **smoke.**

5 (a) Any provisions of the general laws, public laws, or regulations promulgated by any
6 state agency or subdivision thereof, which provisions prohibit smoking or which protects a person
7 from exposure to secondhand smoke, shall be deemed to be a prohibition against smoking tobacco
8 or marijuana, or as protection from exposure to secondhand tobacco or marijuana smoke, regardless
9 of how the smoke is generated.

10 (b) As used herein the term "secondhand smoke" refers to smoke that is exhaled by a
11 smoker, or is given off by burning tobacco or marijuana product or by a device containing tobacco
12 or marijuana, and which smoke is inhaled by persons in or near the vicinity of the smoker.

13 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 provide that any law or regulation which protects a person from exposure
2 to secondhand smoke would also provide protection from exposure to secondhand tobacco and
3 marijuana smoke, regardless of how the smoke was generated.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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