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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Alzate, Giraldo, Perez, Batista, and Cassar

Date Introduced: March 02, 2022

Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 37-14.1-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 37-14.1 entitled "Minority
2 Business Enterprise" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **37-14.1-6. Minority business enterprise participation.**

4 (a) Minority business enterprises shall be included in all procurements and construction
5 projects under this chapter and shall be awarded a minimum of ~~ten percent (10%)~~ twenty-five
6 percent (25%) of the dollar value of the entire procurement or project. The director of the
7 department of administration is further authorized to establish by rules and regulation the
8 certification process and formulas for giving minority business enterprises a preference in contract
9 and subcontract awards.

10 (b) Any minority business enterprise currently certified by the U.S. Small Business
11 Administration as an 8(a) firm governed by 13 C.F.R. part 124 shall be deemed to be certified by
12 the department of administration as a minority business enterprise and shall only be required to
13 submit evidence of federal certification of good standing.

14 (c) The provisions of chapter 14.1 of title 37 shall not be waived, including, but not limited
15 to, during a declared state of emergency.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would increase the dollar amount of public works projects that shall be awarded
2 to minority business entities to a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the dollar value of the
3 project.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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