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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Bennett, and McLaughlin

Date Introduced: February 06, 2019

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **23-20.10-17. Protection against exposure to second-hand marijuana smoke.**

4 (a) Any provisions of the general laws, public laws, or regulations promulgated by any
5 state agency or subdivision thereof, which provisions prohibit or protect a person from exposure
6 to second-hand smoke, shall be deemed to be a prohibition against or protection from exposure to
7 second-hand marijuana smoke, regardless of how the smoke is generated.

8 (b) As used herein:

9 (1) The term "second-hand smoke" refers to smoke that is exhaled by a smoker, or is
10 given off by a tobacco or marijuana product or by a device containing tobacco or marijuana, and
11 which smoke is inhaled by persons in or near the vicinity of the smoker.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that any law or regulation which prohibits or protects a person
2 from exposure to second hand smoke would be deemed to also be a prohibition or protection from
3 exposure to second-hand marijuana smoke, regardless of how the smoke was generated.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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