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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION  
ON DISABILITIES

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, McNamara, Guthrie, Johnston, and Slater

Date Introduced: May 01, 2014

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 42-51-2 and 42-51-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-51  
2 entitled "Governor's Commission on Disabilities" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-51-2. Composition of commission.** – Effective on July 1, 2014, the ~~The~~ commission  
4 shall be composed of a ~~minimum of twenty four (24)~~ eighteen (18) members, ~~and any additional~~  
5 ~~members the governor may appoint.~~ Insofar as practicable, the commission shall consist of people  
6 with disabilities and state leaders of industry, labor, business, veterans, women, and federal, state,  
7 and local governments, and representatives of religious, charitable, business, labor, industrial,  
8 fraternal, civic, educational, medical, legal, veterans, welfare, and other professional groups and  
9 organizations.

10 **42-51-4. Term of office.** – (a) Of the number of members appointed originally under this  
11 chapter, one-third (1/3) shall be appointed for a term of one year; one-third (1/3) shall be  
12 appointed for a term of two (2) years; and one-third (1/3) shall be appointed for a term of three  
13 (3) years. Thereafter, vacancies created by the expiration of terms shall be filled with  
14 appointments for terms of three (3) years. Members whose terms expire may be reappointed to  
15 succeed themselves.

16 (b) Effective on July 1, 2014, of the number of members appointed between July 1, 2014  
17 and June 30, 2015, two (2) shall be appointed for a term of one year; two (2) shall be appointed  
18 for a term of two (2) years; and six (6) shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter,

1 [vacancies created by the expiration of terms shall be filled with appointments for terms of three](#)  
2 [\(3\) years. Members whose terms expire may be reappointed to succeed themselves.](#)

3 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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1           This act would reduce the size of the governor's commission on disabilities from twenty-  
2 four (24) members to eighteen (18) members. It would also require that individuals with  
3 disabilities be included in its membership when practicable.

4           This act would take effect on July 1, 2014.

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