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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS
REGULATION

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Picard, Metts, Gallo, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: March 04, 2014

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-14-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-14 entitled "Department
2 of Business Regulation" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-14-2. Functions of department.** -- (a) It shall be the function of the department of
4 business regulation:

5 (1) To regulate and control banking and insurance, foreign surety companies, sale of
6 securities, building and loan associations, fraternal benefit and beneficiary societies;

7 (2) To regulate and control the manufacture, transportation, possession, and sale of
8 alcoholic beverages;

9 (3) To license and regulate the manufacture and sale of articles of bedding, upholstered
10 furniture, and filling materials.

11 (b) Whenever any hearing is required or permitted to be held pursuant to law or
12 regulation of the department of business regulation, and whenever no statutory provision exists
13 providing that notice be given to interested parties prior to the hearing, no such hearing shall be
14 held without notice in writing being given at least ten (10) days prior to such hearing to all
15 interested parties. For purposes of this section, an "interested party" shall be deemed to include
16 the party subject to regulation hereunder, the Rhode Island consumers' council, and any party
17 entitled to appear at the hearing. Notice to the party that will be subject to regulation, the Rhode
18 Island consumers' council [Repealed] and any party who has made known his or her intention to

1 appear at the hearing shall be sufficient if it be in writing and mailed, first class mail, to the party
2 at his or her regular business address. Notice to the general public shall be sufficient hereunder if
3 it be by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality affected by the
4 regulation.

5 (c) The department of business regulation shall create clear processes and standards for
6 evaluating prior training, skills, and education of foreign-trained professionals in consultation
7 with the board of education and/or other state agencies as appropriate. The department shall
8 report to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives on its plans
9 and progress by June 30, 2015 and annually thereafter until the process is instituted.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require the department of business regulation to create processes and
- 2 standards to evaluate the skills and education of foreign-trained professionals.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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