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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY
GENERAL

Introduced By: Senator Erin Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: March 14, 2019

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(Attorney General)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-9-19 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-9 entitled "Department
2 of Attorney General" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-9-19. Acceptance of settlements -- Attorney General settlement restricted**
4 **account.**

5 The attorney general is hereby authorized and empowered to accept in the name of the
6 state any settlement resulting from a multi-state initiative. Such settlement proceeds shall be
7 transferred to the general treasurer for deposit in the general fund. The general treasurer shall
8 transfer ~~ten percent (10%)~~ twenty-five percent (25%) of such proceeds, ~~up to sixty-five thousand~~
9 ~~dollars (\$65,000)~~ in any fiscal year, to the "attorney general multi-state initiative account." ~~The~~
10 ~~restricted account shall be used solely to pay for any fees or membership dues associated with~~
11 ~~multi-state initiatives.~~

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would increase the percentage from ten percent (10%) to twenty-five percent
2 (25%) of the amount that the attorney general would receive from multi-state initiative
3 settlements and eliminate the cap of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) and restrictions on
4 spending.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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