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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT  
COUNCIL

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Potter, Cortvriend, Chippendale, Marszalkowski,  
Knight, Hull, and Speakman

Date Introduced: March 01, 2023

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 46-23 of the General Laws entitled "Coastal Resources Management  
2 Council" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **46-23-20.7. Staff attorney.**

4 (a) There is hereby created the position(s) of staff attorney to the executive director of the  
5 coastal resources management council. The executive director is hereby empowered and directed  
6 to hire a staff attorney(s) consistent with this section. The executive director shall have at least one  
7 full-time attorney-at-law on staff. The staff attorney(s) shall be hired by and serve at the pleasure  
8 of the executive director. The position of staff attorney(s) shall be full-time and report directly to  
9 the executive director.

10 (b) The staff attorney(s) shall be an attorney(s)-at-law and shall not otherwise engage in  
11 the practice of law.

12 (c) The staff attorney(s) shall represent the executive director and staff on all matters  
13 including representation at council hearings. The staff attorney(s) shall not represent the council at  
14 hearings or communicate with council members on any matter pending before the council except  
15 during the course of a public hearing.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would create the position of a full-time staff attorney for the coastal resources  
2 management council. The staff attorney would report directly to the executive director and is not  
3 permitted to engage in the practice of law. The staff attorney may not represent the council.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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