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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025**

### AN ACT

# RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES

Introduced By: Representatives Voas, Giraldo, Potter, and Alzate

Date Introduced: February 26, 2025

Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 7-6.2 of the General Laws entitled "Workers' Cooperatives" is hereby

amended by adding thereto the following section:

7-6.2-3.1. Corporations organized for the purpose of furnishing skilled labor.

4 <u>A corporation electing to be governed as a workers' cooperative, may in its articles of</u>

incorporation or bylaws, indicate its intent to be so governed, for the purpose of furnishing skilled

6 <u>labor through its members performing contract labor for other entities; provided that, any individual</u>

7 performing said labor does so under circumstances that demonstrate that the individual's

relationship to the contracting entity, is one of an independent contractor, furnishing skilled labor

9 through the workers' cooperative corporation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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### **EXPLANATION**

### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

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This act would clarify the role of a workers' cooperative to allow it to operate as a hiring hall under certain circumstances.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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