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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER

Introduced By: Senators Paolino, de la Cruz, Thompson, DiPalma, Urso, Euer, Zurier,
Ciccone, Patalano, and Tikoian

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 22 of the General Laws entitled "GENERAL ASSEMBLY" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 11.1

4 JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER

5 **22-11.1-1. Joint committee of the repealer – Composition.**

6 (a) There is hereby created a joint committee of the repealer. The joint committee of the
7 repealer shall consist of six (6) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the senate, not
8 more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the senate president; and three
9 (3) of whom shall be members of the house of representatives, not more than two (2) from the same
10 political party to be appointed by the speaker of the house.

11 (b) The senate president and the speaker of the house shall consult with the house and
12 senate minority leaders on the appointment of the minority members.

13 **22-11.1-2. Powers and duties of joint committee of the repealer.**

14 (a) The joint committee of the repealer shall have the authority to:

15 (1) Compile suggestions for repeal of statutes, regulations, and executive orders received
16 from citizens, businesses, and government agencies, including, but not limited to, those that are not
17 considered "business-friendly", and those that are archaic and out of date;

18 (2) Following review of suggestions, make recommendations to the general assembly and
19 propose repeal of statutes and regulations through legislation; and

1 (3) Following review of suggestions may make recommendations for repeal of executive
2 orders to the governor.

3 **22-11.1-3. Duration of joint committee of the repealer.**

4 The committee shall be in existence until December 31, 2032, unless further extended by
5 the general assembly.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would create the joint committee of the repealer for a term of six (6) years to
2 compile suggestions for repeal of statutes, regulations, and executive orders received from citizens,
3 businesses, and government agencies, including, but not limited to, those that are not considered
4 "business-friendly", and those that are archaic and out of date.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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