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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS
2019 AND 2020

Introduced By: Representative Rebecca M. Kislak

Date Introduced: January 12, 2021

Referred To: House Rules

1 RESOLVED, That section (42)(b) of the rules for the House of Representatives adopted
2 by the House of Representatives at its January session A.D. 2019 entitled "House Resolution
3 Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the years 2019 and 2020", be and the
4 same is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 (42)(a) Once adopted by a majority of the body present and voting, no rule shall be
6 repealed or amended, except by two-thirds (2/3) of the members voting.

7 (b) A rule may be temporarily suspended ~~with the consent of the Majority and Minority~~
8 ~~Leaders or~~ by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members voting except that in no case shall the
9 rules pertaining to the recording of votes be suspended. At the time a rule or rules are temporarily
10 suspended, the duration of time that the rule shall be suspended shall clearly be stated to the body
11 and recorded in the House journal. The application of this rule as it pertains to the temporary
12 suspension of the rules shall not be subject to amendment or repeal. Any motion to repeal, amend
13 or suspend any rule shall be a debatable motion under these rules.

14 (c) At the beginning of a legislative session, the rules of the previous legislative session
15 shall remain in full force and effect until the permanent rules of the House for the current session
16 have been prepared, presented, debated and adopted by a majority vote of the House. Any
17 member at the beginning of a legislative session who was not a member at the time of the

1 adoption of the rules shall be provided with a copy of the rules.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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- 1 This resolution would amend the house rules by removing the consent requirements of
- 2 the majority and minority leaders for suspension of a rule.

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