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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - EXTENSION OF VETERANS'
BENEFITS

Introduced By: Representative James N. McLaughlin

Date Introduced: January 18, 2012

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 30-17.1 of the General Laws entitled "Veterans' Affairs" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **30-17.1-6.1. Veterans' assistance coordinator.** – (a) The director of the department of
4 human services shall appoint a coordinator in the division of veterans' affairs to assist veterans in
5 the filing of claims applications, to assist widows of veterans with applications for widow's
6 pension benefits, and to assist and coordinate the transportation of veterans in need of medical
7 care between the Providence veterans' hospital and the veterans' home.

8 (b) The coordinator shall be a full-time state employee with compensation in the amount
9 of thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000) or more depending upon the qualifications of the individual
10 employed.

11 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 position of veterans' assistance coordinator within the
- 2 Department of Human Services.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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