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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

AN ACT

RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- OFFICERS

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, and Bennett

Date Introduced: February 15, 2012

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1	SECTION 1. Section 7-1.2-812 of the General Laws in Chapter 7-1.2 entitled "Rhode
2	Island Business Corporation Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

<u>7-1.2-812. Officers. --</u> (a) The officers of a corporation consist of a president, a secretary,
and a treasurer, and such other officers as are authorized by the bylaws or the board of directors
each of whom is elected by the board of directors or by the shareholders at a time and in a manner
as prescribed by the bylaws. Any other officers and assistant officers and agents as that are
necessary may be elected or appointed by the board of directors or by the shareholders or chosen
in another manner prescribed by the bylaws. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the
same person. A failure to elect officers does not dissolve or otherwise affect the corporation.

10 (b) All officers of the corporation, as between themselves and the corporation, have the 11 authority and perform any duties in the management of the corporation that may be provided in 12 the bylaws, or that may be determined by resolution of the board of directors, subject to any 13 limitations on the authority contained in the bylaws.

14 (c) No officer of a corporation under this chapter that receives funding or reimbursement

15 from Medicare shall receive a salary and benefit package which exceeds one hundred ninety

16 thousand dollars (\$190,000) per year.

SECTION 2. Section 7-6-28 of the General Laws in Chapter 7-6 entitled "Rhode Island
Nonprofit Corporation Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 <u>**7-6-28. Officers.** --</u> (a) The officers of a corporation consist of a president, one or more

vice presidents, if prescribed by the bylaws, a secretary, a treasurer, and any other officers and assistant officers that are deemed necessary, each of whom shall be elected or appointed at the time and in the manner and for the terms not exceeding three (3) years that are prescribed in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. In the absence of any provision, all officers shall be elected or appointed annually by the board of directors. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of president and secretary.

- (b) The articles of incorporation or the bylaws may provide that any one or more officers
- 8 of the corporation are ex officio members of the board of directors.
- 9 (c) The officers of a corporation may be designated by any additional titles that may be
- 10 provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws.
- 11 (d) No officer of a corporation under this chapter that receives funding or reimbursement
- 12 from Medicare shall receive a salary and benefit package which exceeds one hundred ninety
- 13 thousand dollars (\$190,000) per year.
- 14 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would limit the compensation for officers of profit and non-profit corporations
 receiving funding from Medicare to not more than one hundred ninety thousand dollars
 (\$190,000) a year.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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