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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - HEALTH BENEFITS PREVIOUSLY
NEGOTIATED

Introduced By: Representatives Brien, Petrarca, and Edwards

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 27 of the General Laws entitled "Insurance" is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 76

4 RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE UNIFORM BENEFIT ACT

5 **27-76-1. Short title - Purpose.** – (a) This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the
6 “Rhode Island municipal employee uniform benefit act.”

7 (b) The purpose of this chapter is to create uniform medical and prescription drug benefit
8 plan designs for Rhode Island municipal employees.

9 **27-76-2. Board of directors established.** – (a) There is established the board of directors
10 of the Rhode Island municipal employees’ health care benefits program (“board”).

11 (b) The board shall consist of five (5) members, as follows:

12 (1) One member shall be appointed by the president of Rhode Island council 94 of the
13 american federation of state, county and municipal employees;

14 (2) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the president of the Rhode Island league of
15 cities and towns.

16 (3) One member shall be appointed by the executive director of the Rhode Island
17 interlocal trust.

18 (4) One member shall be appointed by the director of the state department of revenue.

EXPLANATION
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1 This act would create a board to make recommendations for the means, feasibility and
2 benefits for developing a statewide municipal employees' health benefit purchasing arrangement.
3 It would require that the negotiated medical benefits for fire fighters, municipal police, teachers
4 and municipal employee retirees remain in full force and effect, except that all future negotiated
5 changes for active employees relating to cost sharing and plan design of health insurance shall be
6 applicable to all new and existing retirees.

7 This act would take effect upon passage.

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