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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE

Introduced By: Representatives McLaughlin, Gallison, MacBeth, Phillips, and Costa

Date Introduced: May 30, 2013

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 30 of the General Laws entitled "MILITARY AFFAIRS AND
2 DEFENSE" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 28.1

4 VETERAN OR MILITARY MEMORIAL MONUMENTS

5 **30-28.1-1. Definitions of veteran or military memorial monuments.** -- (a) As used in
6 this chapter, a "veteran or military memorial monument" shall include a structure, sculpture,
7 inscription or icon, or similar items which meets the following criteria:

8 (1) Has attained military or veteran recognition and/or value.

9 (2) Is located on property that is owned by either the state, a city or town, or any
10 instrumentality thereof.

11 **30-28.1-2. Creation of house oversight commission.** -- (a) There is hereby established a
12 permanent house commission, to be known as the veteran or military memorial monument
13 commission, to consist of five (5) members, all to be appointed by the speaker of the house of
14 which there shall be two (2) members selected from a list of nominations provided by the adjutant
15 general of the Rhode Island national guard, one to be a member of the Rhode Island veterans' of
16 foreign wars, one to be a member of the American legion, and one to be the spouse or child of a
17 deceased veteran.

18 (b) The members of the commission shall, in February of each even-numbered year, elect
19 from among themselves a chairperson. Vacancies in the commission shall be filled in like manner

1 as the original appointment.

2 (c) The purpose of the commission shall be to oversee the maintenance, placement and
3 related issues concerning of veteran or military memorial monuments and to make a
4 determination on requests for such monuments to be located in the various towns and cities.

5 (d) Three (3) members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

6 (e) The commission shall meet upon receipt of a request to designate.

7 (f) All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish advice and information,
8 documentary and otherwise, to the commission and its agents as may be necessary or desirable to
9 facilitate the purposes of this chapter.

10 (g) The speaker is authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters for the
11 commission.

12 (h) The commission shall file a bi-annual report with the house of representatives,
13 commencing in the year 2014.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would create a permanent commission to oversee the maintenance and
2 preservation of veteran and military memorial monuments.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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