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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR  
ACTIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Morgan, Chippendale, Giarrusso, and Costa

Date Introduced: January 30, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10-6-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 10-6 entitled "Contribution  
2 Among Joint Tortfeasors" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **10-6-2. "Joint tortfeasors" defined.** -- (a) For the purposes of this chapter, the term  
4 "joint tortfeasors" means two (2) or more persons jointly or severally liable in tort for the same  
5 injury to person or property, whether or not judgment has been recovered against all or some of  
6 them; provided, however, that a master and servant or principal and agent shall be considered a  
7 single tortfeasor.

8 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), no party shall be deemed jointly or severally liable in  
9 tort for an injury to person or property unless it is determined that such person is at least fifty-one  
10 percent (51%) liable in tort for the injury to person or property.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that no party would be deemed jointly or severally liable in tort  
2 for an injury to person or property unless it is determined that such person is at least fifty-one  
3 percent (51%) liable in tort for the injury.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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