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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, and Diaz

Date Introduced: April 09, 2014

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-2 of the General Laws entitled "General Powers" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 45-2-3.4. Background checks. -- (a) Any person seeking employment as a firefighter  
4 with any city or town in Rhode Island shall undergo a national and state criminal background  
5 check to be initiated prior to, or within one week of, employment after receiving a conditional  
6 offer of employment.

7 (b) The applicant shall apply to the bureau of criminal identification (BCI), department of  
8 attorney general, state police, or the local police department where he or she resides, for a  
9 national and state criminal records check. Fingerprinting shall be required. The applicant shall be  
10 responsible for the cost of conducting the national and state criminals records check.

11 (c) At the completion of the criminal background check required by this section, the  
12 attorney general, state police, or the local police department shall promptly destroy the fingerprint  
13 record of the applicant.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require all persons seeking employment as a firefighter to undergo a state  
2 and national criminal background check prior to being hired. The act would also require  
3 fingerprinting of the applicant, which fingerprinting records would be destroyed after completion  
4 of the background check.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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