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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, Diaz, Hull, and Ucci

Date Introduced: February 12, 2015

<u>Referred To:</u> House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-12 of the General Laws entitled "Department of Human
- 2 Services" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 <u>42-12-31. Emergency housing assistance fund. (a) There is established an emergency</u>
- 4 housing assistance fund which shall be administered by the department of human services in
- 5 <u>conjunction with community action program agencies.</u>
- 6 (b) The general assembly shall annually appropriate sufficient amounts to fund the
- 7 <u>emergency housing assistance fund.</u>
- 8 (c) The purpose of the emergency housing assistance fund is to assist in providing safe
- 9 and affordable housing to residents.
- 10 (d) The department of human services will promulgate rules and regulations regarding the
- 11 use and disbursement of all sums appropriated by the general assembly for the emergency
- 12 housing assistance fund. These rules and regulations will be promulgated pursuant to the Rhode
- 13 Island administrative procedures act, chapter 35 of title 42.
- 14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

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1 This act would establish an emergency housing assistance fund to be administered by the

2 department of human services in conjunction with community action program agencies.

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This act would take effect upon passage.

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