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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Lima, Edwards, Handy, Ajello, and Slater

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 21-28.6 of the General Laws entitled "The Edward O. Hawkins and
2 Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following
3 section:

4 **21-28.6-7.1. Licensing of private and business establishments -- Consumption of**
5 **marijuana.** – (a) The state retains the exclusive power and authority to issue any and all licenses
6 required to operate a private or business establishment which permits the use of marijuana on its
7 premises pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

8 (b) The department of business regulation shall issue any and all licenses required under
9 subsection (a) of this section and shall promulgate any and all rules and regulations governing
10 their issuance upon written applications to be developed and provided by the department.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would make the department of business regulation the exclusive government
2 authority regarding the issuance of licenses to private and business establishments which permit
3 the use of marijuana on their premises.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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