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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - AUDIO AND VIDEO
RECORDINGS

Introduced By: Representatives Filippi, Ackerman, Blazejewski, Kazarian, and Lancia

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "STATE AFFAIRS AND
2 GOVERNMENT" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 46.1

4 AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS

5 **42-46.1-1. Recordings to be made. --** All public bodies within state government and all
6 state public and quasi-public boards, agencies and corporations shall make audio and video
7 recordings of all meetings of the body and shall transmit the recordings of all open meetings
8 within thirty-five (35) days of the meeting to the office of the secretary of state, who shall post
9 the same on its website and make them available to the public in such format or formats as are
10 commonly used for internet transmission; provided that this section shall not apply to public
11 bodies whose responsibilities are solely advisory in nature.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require audio and video recordings of all meetings of state and quasi-
2 public agencies and bodies to be transmitted to the secretary of state's office for posting on its
3 website and made available for public access.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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