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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES

Introduced By: Senators Conley, Lombardo, Lynch, Pearson, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: April 15, 2015

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 37-2 of the General Laws entitled "State Purchases" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **37-2-81. State purchasing contract preference application.** – [With the exception of the](#)  
4 [preferences set forth in §§ 37-2-80 and 37-14.1-6, all preferences in state purchasing contracts](#)  
5 [and state procurement shall be given equal weight. To the extent that the provisions contained in](#)  
6 [this section conflict with the requirements for federal contracts, federal law and/or federal](#)  
7 [regulations shall control.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require that all preferences in state purchasing contracts and state  
2 procurement be given equal weight unless otherwise stated or in conflict with the requirements  
3 for federal contracts as provided for in §§ 37-2-80 and 37-14.1-6.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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