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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ECONOMIC AMBASSADOR OF  
RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Maldonado, Kazarian, Fogarty, Diaz, and Regunberg

Date Introduced: January 21, 2016

Referred To: House Small Business

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 100.2

4 RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC AMBASSADOR

5 **42-100.2-1. Economic ambassador.** -- There is hereby created the post of Rhode Island  
6 economic ambassador.

7 **42-100.2-2. Appointment.** -- The governor, with the consent of the senate, shall appoint  
8 one or more persons to serve as an economic ambassador. These persons shall serve at the  
9 pleasure of the governor with the appointment to be for a term of not more than five (5) years.

10 **42-100.2-3. Compensation.** -- An economic ambassador shall receive no compensation.

11 **42-100.2-4. Qualifications.** -- An economic ambassador must have earned recognition  
12 and distinction as a business leader in the state of Rhode Island.

13 **42-100.2-5. Duties.** -- The duties of the economic ambassador shall include promoting  
14 business activities and economic investments in Rhode Island from different regions throughout  
15 the nation and world.

16 **42-100.2-6. Certification.** -- The secretary of state shall issue to the appointee a  
17 certificate bearing the seal of the state upon which is designated the name of the appointee, the  
18 words "Rhode Island economic ambassador," and the term of office set forth from beginning to

1 [ending month and year of service.](#)

2           **42-100.2-7. Position of honor.** -- [The position of economic ambassador shall be](#)  
3 [honorific only, and shall not confer official status; nor shall the statements or views of the](#)  
4 [economic ambassador be regarded as the official position of the state in any court of law; nor the](#)  
5 [position of any of the state officers.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would establish the unpaid position of economic ambassador for the state of  
2 Rhode Island to promote business activities and economic investments throughout the nation and  
3 the world.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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