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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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A N A C T

RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND  
HOSPITALS

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Regunberg, Bennett, Tanzi, and Fogarty

Date Introduced: February 24, 2016

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 40.1 of the General Laws entitled "BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,  
2 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS" is hereby amended by adding thereto  
3 the following chapter:

4 CHAPTER 8.6

5 MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER ADVOCATES OF RHODE ISLAND - OASIS WELLNESS

6 AND RECOVERY CENTER

7 **40.1-8.6-1. Short title.** – This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Mental  
8 Health Consumer Advocates of Rhode Island – Oasis Wellness and Recovery Center Act".

9 **40.1-8.6-2. Purpose.** – To ensure that mental health consumer advocates of Rhode Island  
10 are able to provide peer support, information, and education about the stigmatization of mental  
11 illness, and work to effect positive change through legislative action and other advocacy  
12 campaigns and through the oasis health and rehabilitation center offer a comprehensive program  
13 of long- and short-term care and nursing services, ranging from advanced medical attention to  
14 rehabilitation care to just a friendly, helping hand, and remain dedicated to the continuous care  
15 and well-being of its residents.

16 **40.1-8.6-3. Appropriations.** – There is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the  
17 treasury not otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2016-2017, the sum of two hundred and  
18 ninety-five thousand dollars (\$295,000) to the mental health consumer advocates of Rhode Island

1 and the oasis wellness and recovery center; and the state controller is hereby authorized and  
2 directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much  
3 thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would make an appropriation of two hundred ninety-five thousand dollars  
2 (\$295,000) for the mental health consumer advocates of Rhode Island and the Oasis wellness and  
3 recovery center for fiscal year 2016-2017.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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