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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -
CONSTRUCTION INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Bennett, and Slater

Date Introduced: February 26, 2020

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6-34-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 6-34 entitled "Construction
2 Indemnity Agreements" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **6-34-1. Construction indemnity agreements.**

4 (a) A covenant, promise, agreement, or understanding in, or in connection with or
5 collateral to, a contract or agreement relative to the design, planning, construction, alteration,
6 repair, or maintenance of a building, structure, highway, road, [parking lot](#), appurtenance, and
7 appliance, including moving, demolition, and excavating connected with a building, structure,
8 highway, road, [parking lot](#), appurtenance, or appliance, pursuant to which contract or agreement
9 the promisee or the promisee's independent contractors, agents, or employees has hired the
10 promisor to perform work, purporting to indemnify the promisee, the promisee's independent
11 contractors, agents, employees, or indemnitees against liability for damages arising out of bodily
12 injury to persons or damage to property proximately caused by or resulting from the negligence
13 of the promisee, the promisee's independent contractors, agents, employees, or indemnitees, is
14 against public policy and is void; provided that this section shall not affect the validity of any
15 insurance contract, worker's compensation agreement, or an agreement issued by an insurer.

16 (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any person from purchasing insurance for his or
17 her own protection or from purchasing a construction bond.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would add a parking lot as a requirement to a contractor agreement to a
- 2 construction indemnity agreement.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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