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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE

Introduced By: Representative Anastasia P. Williams

Date Introduced: July 30, 2020

Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 37-14.1-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 37-14.1 entitled "Minority
2 Business Enterprise" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **37-14.1-6. Minority business enterprise participation.**

4 (a) Minority business enterprises shall be included in all procurements and construction
5 projects under this chapter and shall be awarded a minimum of ~~ten percent (10%)~~ twenty-five
6 percent (25%) of the dollar value of the entire procurement or project. Of the twenty-five percent
7 (25%), fifteen percent (15%) shall be awarded to companies owned by men who are minorities as
8 defined in § 37-14.1-3 and the remaining ten percent (10%) shall be awarded to companies owned
9 by minorities as defined in § 37-14.1-3 who may or may not be women. The director of the
10 department of administration is further authorized to establish by rules and regulation the
11 certification process and formulas for giving minority business enterprises a preference in contract
12 and subcontract awards.

13 (b) Any minority business enterprise currently certified by the U.S. Small Business
14 Administration as an 8(a) firm governed by 13 C.F.R. part 124 shall be deemed to be certified by
15 the department of administration as a minority business enterprise and shall only be required to
16 submit evidence of federal certification of good standing.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would increase the dollar amount of public work projects that shall be awarded to
2 minorities to twenty-five percent (25%) of the dollar value of the project with the first fifteen
3 percent (15%) being awarded to male dominated companies and the remaining ten percent (10%)
4 being awarded to female dominated companies.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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