

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

JOINT RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE LICENSING OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS
AND CONTRACTORS

Introduced By: Senators Coyne, Goldin, Seveney, DiPalma, and Murray

Date Introduced: February 27, 2020

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of thirteen (13) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the House, not more
3 than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; three (3)
4 of whom shall be members of the Senate, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to
5 be appointed by the President of the Senate; one of whom shall be the Director of the Department
6 of Business Regulation, or designee; one of whom shall be the State Building Code
7 Commissioner, or designee; one of whom shall be the Executive Officer of the Rhode Island
8 Builders Association, or designee; two (2) of whom shall be members of the Contractors'
9 Registration and Licensing Board, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one to be
10 appointed by the President of the Senate; two (2) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island
11 Builders Association, to be appointed by the Executive Officer of the Rhode Island Builders
12 Association.

13 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
14 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
15 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
16 of a legislator.

17 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and frame
18 recommendations regarding the licensing of residential builders and contractors.

19 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at

1 the call of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate and organize and shall select,
2 from among the legislators, a chairperson or co-chairpersons.

3 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

4 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

5 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
6 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary of
7 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

8 The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide
9 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
11 General Assembly no later than February 7, 2021, and said commission shall expire on April 7,
12 2021.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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- 1 This resolution would create a thirteen (13) member special legislative commission
- 2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study and provide recommendations
- 3 regarding the licensing of residential builders and contractors, and who would report back to the
- 4 General Assembly no later than February 7, 2021, and whose life would expire on April 7, 2021.

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