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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Noret, Kazarian, and
Ackerman

Date Introduced: January 29, 2021

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 30-15 of the General Laws entitled "Emergency Management" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **30-15-9.1. Establishment of joint general assembly emergency council relating to**
4 **disaster emergencies.**

5 (a) A joint general assembly emergency council is hereby created to deal with disaster
6 emergencies and the restoration of the state's economy.

7 (b) The joint council shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) The speaker of the house of representatives;

9 (2) The president of the senate;

10 (3) The majority leader of the house of representatives;

11 (4) The majority leader of the senate;

12 (5) The minority leader of the house of representatives;

13 (6) The minority leader of the senate;

14 (7) The finance chair of the house of representatives;

15 (8) The finance chair of the senate; and

16 (9) Two (2) members of the executive branch as designated by the governor.

17 (c) The joint council shall be activated ninety (90) days after a state of emergency shall be
18 declared by executive order or proclamation of the governor, pursuant to the provisions of § 30-15-
19 9(b), for the purpose of determining whether the state of emergency has ended and to address the

1 [restoration of the state's economy, if necessary.](#)

2 [\(d\) All determinations made by the joint council shall not become effective until passage](#)
3 [of a concurrent resolution and/or the necessary statutory relief.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would establish a joint general assembly emergency council consisting of ten (10)
2 members, two (2) of whom from the executive branch, to be activated ninety (90) days after a state
3 emergency declared by the governor to determine if the state of emergency has ended and to address
4 the restoration of the state's economy, if necessary.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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