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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW RHODE ISLAND'S MINIMUM WAGE

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, Lombardi, Paolino, Lombardo, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: January 26, 2021

Referred To: Senate Labor

1           RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created  
2 consisting of eleven (11) members: four (4) of whom shall be members of the Senate, three (3) of  
3 whom shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, and one of whom shall be appointed by  
4 the Minority Leader; one of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Labor  
5 and Training, or designee; one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island Hospitality  
6 Association, or designee; one of whom shall be the Executive Director of the Rhode Island  
7 Manufacturers Association (RIMA), or designee; one of whom shall be the State Director of the  
8 National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), or designee; one of whom shall be the  
9 President of the Rhode Island AFL-CIO, or designee; one of whom shall be a member of the  
10 general public, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; and one of whom shall be an  
11 owner of a restaurant in Rhode Island, to be appointed by the President of the Senate.

12           The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of Rhode  
13 Island's minimum wage including a comparison and analysis of neighboring states practices and  
14 provide recommendations that would benefit all Rhode Islanders.

15           Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at  
16 the call of the President of the Senate and organize and shall select a chairperson from among the  
17 legislators.

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

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

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

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

6 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
7 Senate no later than May 4, 2021, and said commission shall expire on January 4, 2022.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
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ISLAND'S MINIMUM WAGE

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- 1           This resolution would create an eleven (11) member special legislative study commission
- 2 whose purpose it would be to study Rhode Island's minimum wage, and who would report back
- 3 to the Senate no later than May 4, 2021, and whose life would expire on January 4, 2022.

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