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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MECHANICS' LIENS

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, F Lombardi, and Archambault

Date Introduced: February 15, 2022

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 34-28 of the General Laws entitled "Mechanics' Liens" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **34-28-38. Arbitration.**

4 In any mechanics' lien action under this chapter where the parties have submitted the
5 dispute to arbitration and the mechanics' lien action is stayed pending arbitration, the arbitrator
6 shall have authority to make findings of fact in the arbitration award between the parties regarding
7 procedural compliance and the amount owed within the lien period and said findings shall be
8 binding between the parties in the mechanics' lien action.

9 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 provide that any mechanics' lien action submitted to arbitration shall give
2 the arbitrator authority to make findings of fact in the arbitration award regarding procedural
3 compliance and any award thereto shall be binding.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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