

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE MANNER IN WHICH HEALTH INSURANCE, DISABILITY INSURANCE, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, RETIREMENT PLANS AND OTHER TRADITIONAL EMPLOYER PROVIDED BENEFITS ARE ACCORDED TO UBER AND LYFT DRIVERS, SELF EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC

Introduced By: Representatives Place, Rea, Nardone, and Quattrocchi

Date Introduced: February 01, 2023

Referred To: House Corporations

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of five (5) members: five (5) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island House of
3 Representatives, not more than four (4) from the same political party, to be appointed by the
4 Speaker of the House.

5 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
6 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
7 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
8 of a legislator, provided that the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader of the political party
9 which is entitled to the appointment, consents to the member of the general public.

10 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of the manner
11 in which health insurance, disability insurance, unemployment insurance, retirement plans and
12 other traditional employer provided benefits are accorded to Uber and LYFT drivers, self-
13 employed individuals, and other individuals engaged in providing services to the public.

14 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
15 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson.

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

17 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 Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters
5 for said commission; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
7 House of Representatives no later than January 5, 2024, and said commission shall expire on
8 March 5, 2024.

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BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This resolution would create a five (5) member special legislative study commission
2 whose purpose would be to study the manner in which health insurance, disability insurance,
3 unemployment insurance, retirement plans and other traditional employer provider benefits are
4 accorded to Uber and LYFT drivers, self-employed individuals, and other individuals engaged in
5 providing services to the public, and who would report back to the House no later than January 5,
6 2024, and whose life would expire on March 5, 2024.

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