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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
COUNCIL

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Miller, Euer, DiMario, McKenney, Gu, Valverde,
Felag, and Gallo

Date Introduced: February 16, 2023

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 46-23-4.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 46-23 entitled "Coastal
2 Resources Management Council" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~46-23-4.1. The commissioner of coastal resources management~~ The executive director
4 of coastal resources management.

5 The ~~council~~ governor shall ~~engage a commissioner~~ appoint, with the advice and consent of
6 the senate, an executive director of coastal resources management who shall be an employee of the
7 council and who shall not be a member of the council. The ~~commissioner~~ executive director shall
8 coordinate and liaison with the director of the department of environmental management, and his
9 or her staff shall be at the same staff level as the other ~~commissioners~~ executive directors, and the
10 executive director shall work directly with the other ~~commissioners~~ division leaders. The
11 ~~commissioner~~ executive director of coastal resources management shall be in the unclassified
12 service. ~~The duties and powers of the commissioner of coastal resources management shall be~~
13 ~~determined by the council. The council shall not engage a commissioner of coastal resources~~
14 ~~management for more than five (5) years; provided, however, that the council may renew its~~
15 ~~contract with the commissioner of coastal resources management.~~ The primary duty and
16 responsibility of the executive director shall be to continue planning for and management of the
17 resources of the state's coastal region.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would create the appointment by the governor, with the advice and consent of the
2 senate, of an executive director of coastal resources management, who shall be an employee of the
3 coastal resources management council who shall coordinate and liaison with the director of the
4 department of environmental management, whose staff shall be at the same levels as other
5 executive directors; work directly with other division leaders; be in an unclassified service; and,
6 whose purpose would be to continue planning and management of coastal resources.

7 This act would take effect upon passage.

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