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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS'  
COOPERATIVES

Introduced By: Senators Acosta, Ciccone, Murray, Quezada, Kallman, Pearson, Zurier,  
Picard, Gu, and Burke

Date Introduced: February 16, 2023

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 7-6.2 of the General Laws entitled "Workers' Cooperatives" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **7-6.2-3.1. Corporations organized for the purpose of furnishing skilled labor.**

4 A corporation electing to be governed as a workers' cooperative, may in its articles of  
5 incorporation or bylaws, indicate its intent to be so governed for the purpose of furnishing skilled  
6 labor through its members performing contract labor for other entities; provided that, any individual  
7 performing said labor does so under circumstances that demonstrate that the individual's  
8 relationship to the contracting entity, is one of an independent contractor furnishing skilled labor  
9 through the workers' cooperative corporation.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would clarify the role of a workers' cooperative to allow it to operate as a hiring
- 2 hall under certain circumstances.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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