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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION

Introduced By: Representatives Kennedy, Shanley, Cotter, Fellela, Serpa, Diaz, Ackerman, Edwards, Azzinaro, and O'Brien  
Date Introduced: January 21, 2026

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 42-64-14.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-64 entitled "Rhode  
2   Island Commerce Corporation" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           ~~42-64-14.1. Exclusive jurisdiction of general assembly to approve or deny oil refinery~~  
4   ~~or nuclear plant project plans~~ Exclusive jurisdiction of general assembly to approve or deny  
5   oil refinery project plans.

6           The final approval or denial of a project plan for the location and construction of an oil  
7   refinery ~~or a nuclear plant~~ within the state is hereby expressly reserved to the general assembly  
8   notwithstanding any general or public law or ordinance to the contrary, and exclusively within the  
9   jurisdiction of the general assembly. The exclusive jurisdiction is vested in the general assembly  
10   notwithstanding any other general, special, or public law to the contrary, including, but not limited  
11   to, those laws granting regulatory powers to the cities and towns, and any ordinances enacted  
12   pursuant to these laws.

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

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- 1           This act would remove nuclear plant projects from seeking the approval from the general
- 2 assembly for the construction of said nuclear plant.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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