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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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-DIRECTED PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS, SELF EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC

Introduced By: Representatives Place, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Fascia, and Santucci

Date Introduced: January 28, 2026

Referred To: House Labor

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.

9           The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of the manner  
10    in which health insurance, disability insurance, unemployment insurance, retirement plans and  
11    other traditional employer provided benefits are accorded to Uber and LYFT drivers, self-directed  
12    personal care attendants, self-employed individuals, and other individuals engaged in providing  
13    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, 2027, and said commission shall expire on  
8   March 5, 2027.

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EXPLANATION  
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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 provided benefits are  
4 accorded to Uber and LYFT drivers, self-directed personal care attendants, self-employed  
5 individuals, and other individuals engaged in providing services to the public, and who would  
6 report back to the House no later than January 5, 2027, and whose life would expire on March 5,  
7 2027.

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