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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

### AN ACT

#### RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET

Introduced By: Representatives Schadone, Malik, and Corvese

Date Introduced: January 27, 2011

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 35-3-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 35-3 entitled "State Budget"
- 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3 <u>35-3-2. Annual appropriations for state government. --</u> The general assembly shall
- 4 annually appropriate such sums as it may deem necessary to pay the administrative and other
- 5 expenses of the state government. <u>Provided, further, that any annual increase in state spending</u>
- 6 shall be based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) on a percentage basis for any fiscal year,
- 7 provided the increase shall not exceed three percent (3%).
- 8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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#### **EXPLANATION**

# BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## OF

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1 This act would limit increases in state spending to correspond with increases in the

2 Consumer Price Index, but would not increase by more than three percent (3%).

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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