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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE DAMAGE APPRAISERS

Introduced By: Representatives Kennedy, San Bento, Petrarca, Keable, and Marcello

Date Introduced: June 24, 2011

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 27-10.1 of the General Laws entitled "Motor Vehicle Damage  
2 Appraisers" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **27-10.1-11. Emergency licenses.** – (a) Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this  
4 chapter, the commissioner may permit an experienced motor vehicle appraiser to act as a motor  
5 vehicle physical damage appraiser in this state without a Rhode Island license if:

6           (1) The appraiser is either a licensed appraiser in another state which requires a license or  
7 regularly appraises motor vehicle damage in another state where such licensing is not required  
8 and works for an insurance company authorized to do business in Rhode Island;

9           (2) He or she is engaged in emergency insurance appraisal work during the period of  
10 emergency only, as determined by the commissioner.

11           (b) The experienced appraiser may work in this state either for an employer who is an  
12 appraiser licensed by this state, or for a regular employer of one or more appraisers licensed by  
13 this state, or for an insurance company authorized to do business in this state; provided, that the  
14 employer or insurer shall furnish to the commissioner a notice in writing or electronically  
15 promptly after the beginning of any emergency insurance appraisal work. The appraiser may  
16 appraise claims within or outside the state.

17           Emergency licenses permitted under this section shall not exceed one hundred twenty  
18 (120) days, unless extended by the commissioner.

19           (c) As used in this section, "emergency insurance appraisal work" means and includes,

1 but is not limited to, appraisal of motor vehicle damage during the term of an emergency license  
2 following an event or catastrophe as determined by the commissioner, or a state of disaster  
3 declared by the governor of the State of Rhode Island or by the president of the United States  
4 under applicable federal law.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would permit out-of-state auto damage appraisers to work in Rhode Island on a  
2 temporary basis during disaster emergencies.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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