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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PRISONER MADE
GOODS

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Slater, Morales, Biah, DeSimone, McGaw, and
Edwards

Date Introduced: February 15, 2024

Referred To: House Finance

(Dept. of Corrections)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13-7-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 13-7 entitled "Prisoner Made
2 Goods" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **13-7-15. Business operations and budget.**

4 Correctional industries shall maintain an accurate and timely accounting of monies
5 received from the sale of products or services of committed offenders. Monies accredited into the
6 correctional industries fund shall be used for the purchase of materials, supervision, and other
7 requirements necessary to support the production of goods and services. [Entities that place orders
8 with correctional industries are required to pay correctional industries fifty percent \(50%\) of their
9 quoted material costs once the items have been ordered.](#) All expenditures from the correctional
10 industry fund shall be subject to the approval of the director of corrections or his or her designee,
11 who may employ those funds to defray all operating expenses. All net profits for the fiscal year
12 shall be reinvested into the correctional industries fund to support capital purchases, and the general
13 expansion and development of correctional industries. All additional profits will revert to the
14 general treasury.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 13-7 of the General Laws entitled "Prisoner Made Goods" is hereby
16 amended by adding thereto the following section:

17 **13-7-8.2. Requisition of goods by nonprofits.**

18 [The department of corrections may accept orders from any 501\(c\)\(3\) for any articles.](#)

1 [services or materials similar to those produced at the adult correctional institutions.](#)

2 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow correctional industries to conduct business for goods or services with
2 any 501(c)(3) and would require customers of correctional industries to pay fifty percent (50%) of
3 an order upon the placement of the order.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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