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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, and Diaz

Date Introduced: April 09, 2014

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-2 of the General Laws entitled "General Powers" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-2-3.4. Background checks. -- (a) Any person seeking employment as a firefighter**
4 **with any city or town in Rhode Island shall undergo a national and state criminal background**
5 **check to be initiated prior to or within one week of employment after receiving a conditional offer**
6 **of employment.**

7 **(b) The applicant shall apply to the bureau of criminal identification (BCI), department of**
8 **attorney general, state police or the local police department where they reside, for a national and**
9 **state criminal records check. Fingerprinting shall be required. The applicant shall be responsible**
10 **for the cost of conducting the national and state criminals records check.**

11 **(c) At the completion of the criminal background check required by this section, the**
12 **attorney general, state police or the local police department shall promptly destroy the fingerprint**
13 **record of the applicant.**

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require all persons seeking employment as a firefighter to undergo a state
2 and national criminal background check prior to being hired. The act would also require
3 fingerprinting of the applicant, which fingerprinting records would be destroyed after completion
4 of the background check.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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