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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SAFETY-- FIRE ALARMS

Introduced By: Senator William A. Walaska

Date Introduced: February 26, 2013

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-28.25 of the General Laws entitled "Fire Alarm Systems" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-28.25-1.2. Disabling of fire alarms. --** (a) In any city or town where fire safety is
4 provided solely by means of a volunteer or call fire department, certified trained personnel, other
5 than a firefighter, may disable a fire alarm in a commercial establishment when:

6 (1) There is no reasonable likelihood that the fire department will be able to respond in a
7 reasonable amount of time; and

8 (2) An investigation has determined that there is no the premises.

9 (b) The state fire marshal shall establish a program for the training and certification of
10 commercial employees in fire alarm operation.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would allow trained and certified persons other than a firefighter to turn off a fire
- 2 alarm in a commercial establishment under certain circumstances.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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