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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY --
SERVICE OF PROCESS

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Maselli, Connors, Jabour, and McCaffrey

Date Introduced: January 13, 2010

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 9-5-35 of the General Laws in Chapter 9-5 entitled "Writs,
2 Summons and Process" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **9-5-35. Service of court papers at work.** – (a) No employer within this state is
4 permitted to refuse or obstruct the service of any court process upon an employee at the place of
5 employment and such service shall not be grounds for dismissal of the employee. The employer
6 may designate an area where the service may be effected.

7 (b) Any employer and/or agent of such employer, violating the provisions of this section
8 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not exceeding
9 one year and/or fined an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

10 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 add penalties to the provisions of Rhode Island general law 95-35
- 2 regarding interference with service of process in the workplace.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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