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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024**

### AN ACT

## RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES

Introduced By: Senators Acosta, Cano, Quezada, Mack, Ciccone, Zurier, Gu, Bell, Kallman, and Euer

<u>Date Introduced:</u> January 12, 2024

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- SECTION 1. Chapter 7-6.2 of the General Laws entitled "Workers' Cooperatives" is hereby
  amended by adding thereto the following section:
- **7-6.2-3.1.** Corporations organized for the purpose of furnishing skilled labor.
- 4 A corporation electing to be governed as a workers' cooperative, may in its articles of
- 5 incorporation or bylaws, indicate its intent to be so governed for the purpose of furnishing skilled
- 6 labor through its members performing contract labor for other entities; provided that, any individual
- 7 performing said labor does so under circumstances that demonstrate that the individual's
- 8 relationship to the contracting entity, is one of an independent contractor furnishing skilled labor
- 9 through the workers' cooperative corporation.
- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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### **EXPLANATION**

### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would clarify the role of a workers' cooperative to allow it to operate as a hiring hall under certain circumstances.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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