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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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

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

Date Introduced: January 12, 2024

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 7-6.2 of the General Laws entitled "Workers' Cooperatives" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **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 contract
6 labor for other entities; provided that, any individual performing said labor does so under
7 circumstances that demonstrate that the individual's relationship to the contracting entity is one of
8 an independent contractor furnishing skilled labor through the workers' cooperative corporation.
9 For the purpose of subsection 7-6.2-4(f), if an individual makes use of such a worker's cooperative
10 to secure work with another entity, but is not a member of the cooperative or is not furnishing
11 services directly to the cooperative, the terms of that subsection shall not apply to that individual.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would clarify the role of a workers' cooperative to allow it to operate as a hiring
- 2 hall under certain circumstances.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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