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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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A N A C T

RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT  
COUNCIL

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Coyne, McCaffrey, Euer, Gallo, Seveney, Valverde,  
Felag, and Miller

Date Introduced: February 08, 2022

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 46-23-4.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 46-23 entitled "Coastal  
2 Resources Management Council" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~46-23-4.1. The commissioner of coastal resources management. The executive~~  
4 ~~director of coastal resources management.~~

5 The ~~council~~ governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the senate, an executive  
6 director ~~engage a commissioner~~ of coastal resources management who shall be an employee of the  
7 council and who shall not be a member of the council. The ~~commissioner~~ executive director shall  
8 coordinate and liaison with the director of the department of environmental management, and his  
9 or her staff shall be at the same staff level as the other ~~commissioners~~ executive directors, and the  
10 executive director shall work directly with the other ~~commissioners~~ division leaders. The  
11 ~~commissioner~~ executive director of coastal resources management shall be in the unclassified  
12 service. ~~The duties and powers of the commissioner of coastal resources management shall be~~  
13 ~~determined by the council. The council shall not engage a commissioner of coastal resources~~  
14 ~~management for more than five (5) years; provided, however, that the council may renew its~~  
15 ~~contract with the commissioner of coastal resources management. The primary duty and~~  
16 responsibility of the executive director shall be to continue planning for and management of the  
17 resources of the state's coastal region.

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

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1           This act would create the appointment by the governor, with the advice and consent of the  
2 senate, of an executive director of coastal resources management, who shall be an employee of the  
3 coastal resources management council who shall coordinate and liaison with the director of the  
4 department of environmental management, whose staff shall be at the same levels as other  
5 executive directors; work directly with other division leaders; be in an unclassified service; and,  
6 whose purpose would be to continue planning and management of coastal resources.

7           This act would take effect upon passage.

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