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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION
ENFORCEMENT

Introduced By: Senator C Levesque

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 15-14.1 of the General Laws entitled "Uniform Child Custody
2 Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **15-14.1-15.1. Modification of child custody.** – A permanent modification in custody
4 shall not occur while one of the parties/parents is in active military service or is actively deployed
5 out of state. The actively deployed military parent's absence, relocation or failure to comply with
6 existing custody and visitation orders shall not by itself be sufficient to justify a permanent
7 modification of a custody order. There may be a temporary custody order entered to reflect the
8 current situation and to address the child's present best interest. Upon return from military
9 service or deployment, the family court shall review the temporary order, custody and visitation
10 upon the deployed military parent's return from service.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide that no permanent modification to custody would occur while a
- 2 military parent is deployed and that upon said parent's return, the family court would review any
- 3 temporary orders, custody and visitation.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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