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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - CONSTRUCTION JOB-SITE -
SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, P Fogarty, DaPonte, Maselli, and Miller

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 37-2 of the General Laws entitled "State Purchases" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **37-2-80. Construction job site safety responsibility.** -- (a) All construction projects
4 with a total cost of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more which involve any Rhode
5 Island public agency shall contain provisions for the design and administration of job-site safety
6 programs separate and autonomous from the general contract. The job-site safety contractor's
7 function shall be to assure that construction safety standards as developed and recognized by
8 OSHA are adhered to throughout the course of the construction project.

9 (b) Any company designing and maintaining the job-site safety program must be licensed
10 by the state to engage in such work, and must contract with the public agency involved.
11 Companies licensed to perform the functions of designing and administering job-site safety
12 programs shall be independent from any company licensed to bid on construction projects in this
13 state.

14 (c) The director of the department of labor and training shall promulgate rules and
15 regulations and penalties to enforce the provisions of this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require all construction projects valued at \$100,000 or more in the state to
2 include provisions for a job-site safety program to be designed and administered by a licensed
3 company separate from the general construction company.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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