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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Legislative findings—The legislature finds and declares that:

2   (1) Rhode Island is the east coast capital of squid, and accounts for more than fifty-four

3   percent (54%) of squid landings in the Northeast; and

4   (2) Squid is to Rhode Island what lobster is to Maine and cod is to Massachusetts; and

5   (3) More pounds of squid are brought to store in Rhode Island than any other seafood;

6   and

7   (4) Rhode Island has the largest squid-fishing fleet on the East Coast; and

8   (5) The fishing, hospitality and tourism industry is crucial to the economy of the state;

9   and

10   (6) Rhode Island has some of the finest restaurants in the country; and

11   (7) The appetizer known as "Rhode Island style calamari" (squid) is prepared and served

12   nationwide; and

13   (8) The legislature hereby declares it is in the best interest of the state and its local

14   economy to officially recognize the importance of the squid fishing industry to our economy and

15   the unique and delicious appetizer know as calamari.

16   SECTION 2. Chapter 42-4 of the General Laws entitled "State Emblems" is hereby

17   amended by adding thereto the following section:

18   **42-4-19. State appetizer. --** Calamari is hereby designated as the official state appetizer

19   for the state.

1   SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1   This act would designate calamari as the official state appetizer.

2   The act would take effect upon passage.

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