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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

AN ACT

RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- THE METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

Introduced By: Senators Jabour, and Pichardo

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 45 of the General Laws entitled "TOWNS AND CITIES" is hereby 2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter: 3 **CHAPTER 64** 4 METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICTS 5 <u>45-64-1. Metropolitan fire districts.</u> – Notwithstanding any city or town charter, state law or regulation to the contrary, the city of Providence, the city of East Providence, the city of 6 7 Pawtucket, the city of Central Falls, the town of Johnston, the town of North Providence, and the city of Cranston, or any group of cities and towns, are hereby authorized to create a Metropolitan 8 9 Fire District, entitled to ensure the powers, rights, and functions of existing city and town fire 10 departments, and further the metropolitan fire district is hereby authorized to create all 11 instruments necessary to carry out the purpose of this chapter and to do all that is necessary or 12 convenient to meet the responsibilities of the metropolitan fire district.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would allow the city of Providence, the city of East Providence, the city of
Pawtucket, the city of Central Falls, the town of Johnston, the town of North Providence, and the
city of Cranston, or any group of those cities and towns to create a metropolitan fire district with
full power to create instruments necessary to carry out the purpose of this act.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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