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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTRONIC STATEWIDE MASTER APPLICATION SYSTEM: MAKING IT EASIER TO DO BUSINESS IN RI - PART 1

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Paiva-Weed, Connors, Walaska, and Lynch

Date Introduced: May 04, 2010

Referred To: Senate Corporations

1 WHEREAS, The key finding of the Senate Task Force on Small Business Growth and
2 Development is that Rhode Island's regulatory structure must be reformed to make it easier to do
3 business in Rhode Island; and

4 WHEREAS, The redundant nature of state regulatory and permitting applications can be
5 an impediment and deterrent to small business development; and

6 WHEREAS, There are currently over three hundred separate forms that a Rhode Island
7 business may be required to process and submit to state agencies in order to operate in the State
8 of Rhode Island; and

9 WHEREAS, Streamlining the process to do business in Rhode Island, while making
10 filings faster and easier, can shorten the time needed to start a business in Rhode Island and create
11 jobs; and

12 WHEREAS, A web-based master application system which can guide users through the
13 regulatory process while indentifying all the forms necessary for their specific business and
14 enabling them to populate these forms using a single electronic entry system, can greatly benefit
15 businesses of all sizes and improve the regulatory climate in Rhode Island; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
17 hereby supports the establishment of an electronic Statewide Master Application system within
18 the office of the Secretary of State that would provide a convenient, accessible, and timely means
19 to enable the business community to acquire and file the necessary state application forms to start

1 a business in Rhode Island; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby endorses the funding in an amount up to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars
4 (\$250,000) to the office of the Secretary of State for the purposes of establishing this statewide
5 master application system; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
7 receive a duly certified copy of this resolution.

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