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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Introduced By: Senators C Levesque, Felag, Paiva-Weed, DiPalma, and Perry

Date Introduced: June 03, 2010

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 30-15 of the General Laws entitled "Emergency Management" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **30-15-41.1. Public safety and security. -- (a) Legislative approval required. --**
4 Notwithstanding any memorandum of understanding, intergovernmental compact, or similar
5 executive agreement, no contract, memorandum or agreement shall be constituted between the
6 State of Rhode Island and any other federal, state, or local governmental body relative to the
7 safety and security measures, personnel, and/or procedures regarding the transportation of
8 liquefied natural gas by tank, barge or other sea-faring vessel into and through Rhode Island
9 jurisdictional waters, without the explicit approval of the general assembly.

10 (b) Private security forces prohibited. -- Under no conditions shall private armed forces or
11 private policing entities or individuals be allowed to provide security and/or escort services for
12 the purposes of protecting public safety and security in the transportation of liquefied natural gas
13 by tank, barge or other sea-faring vessel into and through Rhode Island jurisdictional waters,
14 without the explicit approval of the general assembly.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that any memorandum of understanding, intergovernmental
2 compact or any agreement or contract to transport liquefied natural gas by tank, barge or other
3 vessel through the Rhode Island jurisdictional waters be explicitly approved by the general
4 assembly. Furthermore private security forces for the protection of public safety for such
5 shipment also require explicit general assembly approval.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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