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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2008

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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Gallison, Rice, Jackson, Gablinske, and Malik

Date Introduced: January 24, 2008

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

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 **30-15-23. Approval of emergency response plans for the transportation of liquefied**
4 **natural gas. –**

5 (a) Findings. The General Assembly hereby recognizes the paramount importance of
6 establishing an emergency response plan for the transportation of liquefied natural gas within the
7 state. The General Assembly hereby declares also that the establishment of the emergency
8 response plan is in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare as a means to protect
9 against the potential hazards presented by the transportation of liquefied natural gas.

10 (b) No emergency response plan for the transportation of liquefied natural gas through
11 the waters of Narragansett Bay and/or Mount Hope Bay shall be issued or implemented by the
12 Rhode Island emergency management agency prior to the approval of the aforementioned
13 emergency response plan by the general assembly and the city or town councils of Bristol,
14 Jamestown, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, and Warren

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require the approval by the General Assembly and the city or town
2 councils of Bristol, Jamestown, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, and Warren of any
3 emergency response plan by the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency for the
4 transportation of liquefied natural gas through the waters of Narragansett Bay and Mount Hope
5 Bay.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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