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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2004

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER
CLAIMS

Introduced By: Senators Walaska, Cote, Polisena, McCaffrey, and Bates

Date Introduced: January 20, 2004

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10-16-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 10-16 entitled "Small
2 Claims and Consumer Claims" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **10-16-1. Actions subject to chapter.** -- In all ex contract civil actions and in any action
4 to recover the amount of any tax for money only not in excess of ~~one~~ two thousand five hundred
5 dollars ~~(\$1,500)~~ (\$2,500) exclusive of interest and costs, and in all actions or suits to recover
6 damages resulting from a retail sale of tangible personal property to a member of the general
7 public or from services rendered to a member of the general public in which the plaintiff seeks to
8 recover an amount of money only not in excess of ~~one~~ two thousand five hundred dollars
9 ~~(\$1,500)~~ (\$2,500) exclusive of interest and costs, and in all actions or suits based upon a
10 negotiable instrument involving an amount of money only not in excess of ~~one~~ two thousand five
11 hundred dollars ~~(\$1,500)~~ (\$2,500) exclusive of interest and costs, the procedure shall, at the
12 plaintiff's election, shown by his or her waiver of appeal, be as provided by this chapter.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would increase the maximum amount of small claims actions from one thousand
- 2 five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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