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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, McNamara, Corvese, Malik, and Gallison

Date Introduced: January 15, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-56 of the General Laws entitled "Corrections Department" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-56-21.3. Labor of inmates during a declared state of emergency.** – (a) The director
4 of the department shall, upon a declaration of a state of emergency by the governor or federal
5 disaster declaration by the president, pursuant to the provisions of section 30-15-9, and at such
6 times and manner as the director deems proper, provide labor for the performance of emergency
7 remediation projects.

8 (b) Any person imprisoned at the adult correctional institution, and who is otherwise
9 subject and eligible to provide labor pursuant to the provisions of section 42-56-21 shall be
10 eligible.

11 (c) The director of the department of corrections is hereby directed to make such
12 assignments of labor to and with any other public, local, or state agency for the performance of
13 emergency remediation projects as determined by the director of the department of corrections,
14 working in conjunction with the director of the respective agency.

15 (d) The department of corrections shall provide correctional officers to supervise all
16 laborers assigned to an agency or department under the provisions of this section.

17 (e) The provisions of subdivisions 42-56-21(a)(1), (2) and (3) shall apply to all labor
18 supplied pursuant to this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the department of corrections, upon a declaration of a state of
2 emergency by the governor, or federal disaster declaration by the president, to provide labor for
3 the performance of emergency remediation projects.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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