

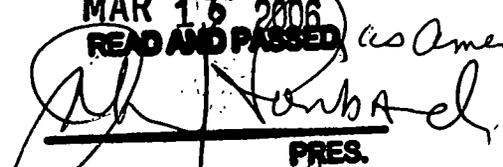
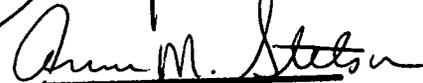
**THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

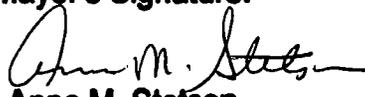
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RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby opposes Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2006-S 2458 and House Bill 2006-H 7356, Relative to State Affairs and Government.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
**MAR 16 2006**  
**READ AND PASSED** *as Amended*  
  
**PRES.**  
  
**CLERK**

Effective without the Mayor's Signature:

  
Anna M. Stetson  
City Clerk

HEAD WHO SERVED  
ON CILLA COMMITTEE

NAME

Councilman Williams, By Request, Council President Lombardi, Councilman Allen, Aponte, Butler,  
De Luca, Hazzett, Iglizzi, Jackson, Luna, Mancini, Segal, Councilman Di Russo, Romano,  
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2006 -- S 2458

LC00681**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND****IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY****JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2006****A N A C T**  
**RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT****Introduced By:** Senator Maryellen Goodwin**Date Introduced:** February 09, 2006**Referred To:** Senate Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1-1 SECTION 1. Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "State Affairs and Government" is  
1-2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

1-3

**CHAPTER 140**

1-4

**THE PROVIDENCE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

1-5 **42-140-1. Findings.** – The general assembly finds and declares that:

1-6 (a) Realizing the enormous potential of the city of Providence requires a cooperative  
1-7 effort between the city, the state, and private sector leadership because all three (3) interests are  
1-8 involved and intertwined.

1-9 (b) The redevelopment initiatives in Providence are large and complex, includes  
1-10 brownfield areas, and requires substantial investments of time, energy, and resources that are  
1-11 beyond the capacity of the city to provide alone without significantly siphoning effort away from  
1-12 other parts of the city.

1-13 (c) The redevelopment initiatives in Providence include a substantial diversity of uses,  
1-14 thus its implementation will require a wider range of authorities, powers, and expertise than are

1-15 present in any current governmental agency with jurisdiction in the project area.

1-16 (d) The redevelopment initiative in Providence will take place over a substantial period of  
1-17 time, and consequently it is vital to the project that the administration of the project have  
1-18 continuity and consistency.

1-19 (e) The redevelopment initiative in Providence has high visibility and high value and will  
2-1 affect the well-being of the people of the city and the metropolitan area for generations, thus  
2-2 diverse, high quality development is critically important.

2-3 **42-140-2. Purposes.** – The purposes of this chapter are:

2-4 (a) To plan, implement, administer, and oversee redevelopment initiatives in the district  
2-5 under the control of the Providence Development Corporation; and

2-6 (b) To authorize, provide for, and facilitate the consolidated exercise of development and  
2-7 redevelopment powers existing at the state and local levels.

2-8 **42-140-3. Definitions.** – As used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall  
2-9 have the following meaning:

2-10 (a) "Acquiring authority" means an acquiring authority as defined in Chapter of Title 37.

2-11 (b) "Comprehensive agreement" means a comprehensive agreement between the board  
2-12 and those persons obligated to undertake a qualifying project as set forth in this section.

2-13 (c) "Plan" means the I-195 Old Harbor Plan adopted by the city of Providence.

2-14 (d) "Project area" means that area bounded by Pine Street, Chestnut Street, Clifford Street  
2-15 and the new service road as laid out in the plan.

2-16 **42-140-4. Providence development corporation created.** – The Providence  
2-17 development corporation is hereby constituted as an independent public instrumentality and body  
2-18 corporate and politic for the purposes set forth in this chapter with a separate legal existence from  
2-19 the city and from the state and the exercise by the corporation of the powers conferred by this  
2-20 chapter shall be deemed and held to be the performance of an essential public function. The  
2-21 Providence development corporation shall oversee, plan, implement, and administer development  
2-22 in the district defined in a plan entitled "A Vision for Providence 2020." The city may, by  
2-23 ordinance, limit the district to an area smaller than defined in the plan "A Vision for Providence  
2-24 2020." It is the intent of the general assembly by the passage of this chapter to vest in the  
2-25 corporation all powers, authority, rights, privileges, and titles which may be necessary to enable it  
2-26 to accomplish the purposes herein set forth, and this chapter and the powers granted hereby shall

2-27 be liberally construed in conformity with those purposes.

2-28 **42-140-5. Planning.** – The corporation shall function and conduct its business and  
2-29 activities in a manner consistent with plans approved for the corporation by the city and the  
2-30 Providence city plan commission, and as appropriate or necessary, by the Rhode Island economic  
2-31 development corporation. Such plans may be prepared without limitation by the corporation in  
2-32 order to achieve the purposes of this chapter, and shall be subject to such state and local approvals  
2-33 as are expressly provided for in this chapter. The corporation's district plan(s) shall conform with  
2-34 the comprehensive plan and land development regulations of the city. The corporation's  
3-1 approved plan for the district(s) shall be considered, in whole or part as appropriate for adoption  
3-2 as an element of the state guide plan by the state planning council and for incorporation into a  
3-3 special area management plan, which includes the district(s), by the Coastal Resources  
3-4 Management Council.

3-5 **42-140-6. Corporation governance -- Board of directors.** – The powers of the  
3-6 corporation shall be exercised by a board of directors as herein provided.

3-7 (a) Membership of the board of directors. There shall be a board of directors of seventeen  
3-8 (17) members; thirteen (13) of whom shall be voting members; and four (4) of whom shall be  
3-9 nonvoting members. Seven (7) members shall be members of the Providence Redevelopment  
3-10 Agency as appointed in accordance with section 45-31-12. One voting member shall be a  
3-11 member of the house of representatives from the city of Providence, appointed by the speaker of  
3-12 the house. One voting member shall be a member of the senate from the city of Providence,  
3-13 appointed by the president of the senate. The Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and the  
3-14 Providence Foundation shall each submit to the mayor a list of no fewer than three (3) nominees  
3-15 for membership. From each list, the mayor shall select one member, who will be a voting  
3-16 member. Two (2) voting members shall be appointed by the governor. The department of  
3-17 transportation, the department of environmental management, the economic development  
3-18 corporation and the coastal resources management council shall each designate one of the four (4)  
3-19 nonvoting members. The initial appointment of the designee of the Greater Providence Chamber  
3-20 of Commerce shall be for a one year term, and the initial appointment of the designee of the  
3-21 Providence Foundation shall be for a two (2) year term. Initial appointments by the governor  
3-22 shall be one member for a three (3) year term and one member for a four (4) year term. After the  
3-23 initial appointment, terms shall be for five (5) years. Members of the board of directors shall be

3-24 either electors or property owners of the city or persons engaged in business in the city. The  
3-25 mayor shall appoint a member who shall be the chairperson. Each member of the board shall  
3-26 serve until a successor is appointed and qualified. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the  
3-27 office of a member by death, resignation, or otherwise, that vacancy shall be filled in the same  
3-28 manner as an original appointment, but only for the remainder of the term of the former member.

3-29 (b) The members of the board of directors shall receive no compensation for the  
3-30 performance of their duties under this chapter, but each member shall be reimbursed for his or her  
3-31 reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out those duties. A member may engage in private  
3-32 employment, or in a profession or business.

3-33 (c) The board of directors, at its annual meeting, shall elect a vice-chairperson, secretary  
3-34 and treasurer. A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum, and any action to be  
4-1 taken by the corporation under the provisions of this chapter may be authorized by resolution  
4-2 approved by a majority of the members present and entitled to vote at any regular or special  
4-3 meeting at which a quorum is present. A vacancy in the membership of the corporation shall not  
4-4 impair the right of a quorum to exercise all of the rights and perform all of the duties of the board  
4-5 of directors.

4-6 (d) The board of directors shall appoint such additional officers and staff members as  
4-7 they shall deem appropriate and shall determine the amount of reasonable compensation, if any,  
4-8 each shall receive. The board of directors may vest in an executive director or the executive  
4-9 director's subordinates the authority to appoint additional staff members and to determine the  
4-10 amount of compensation each individual shall receive.

4-11 (e) No full-time employee shall, during the period of his or her employment by the  
4-12 corporation, engage in any other private employment, profession, or business, except with the  
4-13 approval of the board of directors.

4-14 (f) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, it shall not be or constitute a conflict of  
4-15 interest for a director, officer, or employee of any financial institution, investment banking firm,  
4-16 brokerage firm, commercial bank, trust company, building-loan association, architecture firm,  
4-17 insurance company, or any other firm, person, or corporation to serve as a member of the board of  
4-18 directors, nor shall any contract or transaction between the corporation and a financial institution,  
4-19 investment banking firm, brokerage firm, commercial bank, trust company, building-loan  
4-20 association, architecture firm, insurance company, or other firm, person, or coronation be void or

4-21 voidable by reason of that service as a member of the board of directors. If any member, officer,  
4-22 or employee of the corporation shall be interested either directly or indirectly, or shall be a  
4-23 director, officer, or employee of or have an ownership interest (other than as the owner of the less  
4-24 than one percent (1%) of the shares of a publicly-held corporation) in any firm or corporation  
4-25 interested directly or indirectly in any contract with the corporation, that interest shall be  
4-26 disclosed to the board of directors and set forth in the minutes of the board of directors, and the  
4-27 member, officer, or employee having that ownership interest shall not participate on behalf of the  
4-28 board of directors in the authorization of that contract. Interested members may be counted in  
4-29 determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the board of directors which authorizes the  
4-30 contract or transaction.

4-31 (g) Any action taken by the board of directors under the provisions of this chapter may be  
4-32 authorized by vote at any regular or special meeting, and each vote shall take effect immediately.  
4-33 All meetings shall be open to the public, and all records, shall be a matter of public record, except  
4-34 that if a majority of the board of directors decides, consistent with the requirements of the open  
5-1 meetings law, that it would be in the best interest of the corporation and the city and/or the state  
5-2 to hold an executive session in private, then the board of directors shall be authorized to transact  
5-3 any business as allowable under law at that executive session in private, and the record of the  
5-4 executive session shall not become a matter of public record until the transaction discussed has in  
5-5 the opinion of the board of directors been completed.

5-6 (h) Employees of the corporation shall not, by reason of their employment, be deemed to  
5-7 be employees of the state or the city for any purpose, any other provision of the general laws;  
5-8 charter, or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

5-9 **42-140-7. Powers of the board of directors. – The board of directors shall have all the**  
5-10 **rights and powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate this chapter, including, but**  
5-11 **not limited to, the rights and powers:**

5-12 (a) To sue and be sued, complain and defend, in its corporate name.

5-13 (b) To have a seal which may be altered at pleasure and to use the seal by causing it, or a  
5-14 facsimile of the seal, to be impressed or affixed, or in any other manner reproduced.

5-15 (c) To purchase, receive, lease, or otherwise own, hold, improve, use, and otherwise deal  
5-16 in and with, real or personal property, or any interest in real or personal property wherever  
5-17 situated.

5-18 (d) To acquire any land, or any interest herein, by the exercise of the power of eminent  
5-19 domain.

5-20 (e) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer, and otherwise dispose of  
5-21 all or any part of its property and assets for any consideration and upon any terms and conditions  
5-22 as the board of directors shall determine.

5-23 (f) To make contracts and guarantees, incur liabilities and borrow money at any rates of  
5-24 interest as the board of directors may determine.

5-25 (g) To make and execute agreements of lease, conditional sales contracts, installment  
5-26 sales contracts, loan agreements, mortgages, construction contracts, operation contracts and other  
5-27 contracts and instruments necessary or convenient in the exercise of the powers and functions of  
5-28 the board of directors granted by this chapter.

5-29 (h) To lend money for its purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and at its option to take  
5-30 and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.

5-31 (i) To acquire or contract to acquire, from any person, firm, corporation, municipality, the  
5-32 federal government, or the state, or any agency of either the federal government or the state, by  
5-33 grant, purchase, lease, gift, condemnation, or otherwise, or to obtain options for the acquisition of  
5-34 any property, real or personal, improved or unimproved, and interests in land less than the fee  
6-1 thereof; and to own, hold, clear, improve, develop, and rehabilitate, and to sell, assign, exchange,  
6-2 transfer, convey, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose or encumber that property for the  
6-3 purposes of carrying out the provisions and intent of this chapter, for any consideration as the  
6-4 board of directors shall determine, and to retain a master developer for all or any portion of a  
6-5 project.

6-6 (j) To conduct its activities, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the  
6-7 powers granted by this chapter, within or outside of the state.

6-8 (k) To elect or appoint officers and agents of the corporation and define their duties and  
6-9 fix their compensation.

6-10 (l) To make and alter bylaws, not inconsistent with this chapter, for the administration  
6-11 and regulation of the affairs of the corporation, and those bylaws may contain provisions  
6-12 indemnifying any person who is or was a commissioner, officer, employee, or agent of the  
6-13 corporation.

6-14 (m) To be a promoter, partner, member, associate, or manager of any partnership,

6-15 enterprise, or venture within the district and to engage in promotional marketing, and similar  
6-16 activities for the benefit of the corporation.

6-17 (n) To enter into contracts, agreements, and cooperative agreements with the city and its  
6-18 agencies and instrumentalities and the state and its agencies and instrumentalities for the sharing  
6-19 of personnel and other resources.

6-20 (o) To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect its purposes;  
6-21 provided, however, that the corporation shall not have any power to create, empower or otherwise  
6-22 establish any corporation, subsidiary corporation, corporate body, any form of partnership, or any  
6-23 other separate entity without the express approval and authorization of the city council.

6-24 (p) To acquire or condemn certain state-owned property declared surplus by the  
6-25 department of transportation after construction and demolition of interstate route 195. The  
6-26 corporation recognizes that the department of transportation will perform fair market value  
6-27 appraisals to establish the value for these properties in accordance with U.S. department of  
6-28 transportation, federal highway administration guidelines, specifically the code of federal  
6-29 regulations 23CFR, Part 713 (Right-of-Way The Property Management Function). The  
6-30 corporation must seek and secure the written consent to acquire or condemn said surplus propert  
6-31 from the state of Rhode Island, the department of transportation, prior to any action being taken.

6-32 **42-140-8. Additional general powers.** -- In addition to the powers of the corporation  
6-33 otherwise provided herein, the corporation shall have the powers set forth below and shall be  
6-34 subject to the limitations herein set forth. Except as may be expressly limited by action of the  
7-1 corporation at a regular or special meeting, the board of directors shall have the powers necessar  
7-2 to put into effect the powers of the corporation as set forth below and as herein limited.

7-3 (a) The corporation is authorized and empowered to fix, revise, charge, collect and waive  
7-4 fees, rates, rents, delinquency charges, and other charges for its services, and other services,  
7-5 facilities, and commodities furnished or supplied by it, including penalties for violations of such  
7-6 regulations as the corporation may from time to time promulgate under this chapter. Fees, rates,  
7-7 rents, delinquency charges and other charges of general application shall be adopted and revised  
7-8 by the corporation in accordance with procedures to be established by the corporation for assurir  
7-9 that interested persons are afforded notice and an opportunity to resent data, views, and  
7-10 arguments. The corporation shall hold at least one public hearing on its schedule of fees, rates,  
7-11 and charges or any revision thereof prior to adoption, notice of which shall be published in a

7-12 newspaper of substantial circulation in the district at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the  
7-13 hearing, and notice of the hearing shall be provided to the city council. No later than the date of  
7-14 such publication the corporation shall make available to the public the proposed schedule of fees  
7-15 rates, and charges. Fees, rates, rents, and other charges established by the corporation shall not b  
7-16 subject to supervision or regulation by any department, division, district, board, bureau, or agenc  
7-17 of the state or any of its political subdivisions. In order to provide for the collection and  
7-18 enforcement of its fees, rates, rents, and other charges, the corporation is hereby granted all the  
7-19 powers and privileges with respect to such collection and enforcement held by the city of liens f  
7-20 unpaid taxes. In no event shall the corporation be permitted to levy a property tax.

7-21 (b) In order to provide for the consolidated and coordinated, efficient and effective  
7-22 exercise of public development powers affecting or benefiting the redevelopment initiative in the  
7-23 district, the corporation shall have the powers of:

7-24 (1) A special development district as provided for in chapter 45-24.4;

7-25 (2) A redevelopment agency as provided for in chapters 45-31, 45-31.1, 45-31.2, 45-32;  
7-26 and 45-33. Within the district, the term "blighted area and substandard area" shall be deemed to  
7-27 include areas where the presence of hazardous materials, as defined in section 23-19.14-3;  
7-28 impairs the use, reuse, or redevelopment of impacted sites;

7-29 (3) A municipal public buildings authority as provided for in chapter 45-50;

7-30 (4) A subsidiary of the Rhode Island economic development corporation, with the  
7-31 approval of the economic development corporation, and the enactment of this chapter shall  
7-32 constitute the approval of the general assembly as required by section 42-64-7.1; and

8-1 (5) Other agencies, authorities, corporations or commissions, such as the off street  
8-2 parking corporation, created by the public laws of the state for the benefit of the city of  
8-3 Providence or by city ordinance.

8-4 (c) For the benefit of the district, the corporation shall have the power to enter into  
8-5 agreements with the city of Providence for: (1) the exercise of powers for tax increment financin  
8-6 as provided for in chapter 45-33.2; and (2) the imposition of impact fees as provided for in  
8-7 chapter 45-22.4 in order to provide infrastructure capacity to or make physical improvements  
8-8 within the district.

8-9 (d) To facilitate the redevelopment of certain state-owned properties which shall become  
8-10 available by relocation of interstate route 195, the corporation is empowered to supervise the

8-11 redevelopment and improvement of this land through the solicitation, negotiation, execution and  
8-12 enforcement of comprehensive agreements for the redevelopment through privately-funded  
8-13 qualifying projects. The corporation is further authorized and directed to take advantage of  
8-14 private sector efficiencies in designing, developing and constructing qualifying institutional  
8-15 projects, which include components that specifically improve public education, public services  
8-16 and infrastructure. The corporation is further authorized and directed to ensure that the state and  
8-17 its agencies permit and approve qualifying projects in an expedited fashion.

8-18 (e) The corporation, in carrying out this redevelopment shall ensure that all development  
8-19 is consistent with and subject to the city of Providence comprehensive plan pursuant to section  
8-20 45-22.2, Zoning Ordinance, pursuant to section 45-24 and the I-195 Old Harbor Plan. As  
8-21 consistent with those plans, these properties can then be utilized for the expansion of institutiona  
8-22 use. The clearance of highway structures, replatting, redevelopment and improvement of this lan  
8-23 in recognition of the I-195 Old Harbor Plan (October 1992) shall spur the economic developmen  
8-24 and the improvement of public education, public services, and infrastructure. Thus, this clearanc  
8-25 of highway structures, replanning, redevelopment and improvement is hereby declared a public  
8-26 purpose.

8-27 (f) If comprehensive agreements are entered into pursuant to the provisions of this  
8-28 chapter, the board is hereby authorized and directed to expedite the consideration and issuance o  
8-29 permits and approvals necessary for development, construction, and operation of qualifying  
8-30 projects.

8-31 **42-140-9. Electors and elections.** -- (a) Electors. The electors of the district(s) shall  
8-32 include electors of the city and/or owners of real property of the city and/or district(s) ratepayers

8-33 (b) Elections. In the event that exercise of any powers of the corporation require  
8-34 approval by vote within the district, the corporation shall have the power to organize and conduc  
9-1 such election in a manner consistent with requirements of law and in conjunction with the city, a  
9-2 necessary or appropriate.

9-3 **42-140-10. Records – Reports - Inspection.** -- The corporation shall at all times keep  
9-4 full and accurate accounts of its receipts, expenditures, disbursements, assets, and liabilities,  
9-5 which shall be open to inspection by any officer or duly appointed agent of the city. The  
9-6 corporation shall report annually on: (a) its finances; and (b) on the activities undertaken, the  
9-7 progress made in meeting goals and objectives set forth in its plans, and its proposed activities f

9-8 the next year. Copies of these reports shall be submitted to the mayor and the city council. The  
9-9 corporation shall conform with the open meetings law, chapter 42-46, and the open records law,  
9-10 chapter 38-2, in the same manner as required of the city, and the board of directors and the  
9-11 employees of the corporation shall be subject to the code of ethics set forth in chapter 36-14.

9-12 **42-140-11. Termination or dissolution of district.** -- Upon termination or dissolution  
9-13 of the corporation, the title to all funds and other properties owned by it which remain after  
9-14 payment of all bonds and notes and other obligations and liabilities of the corporation shall vest  
9-15 the city's redevelopment agency.

9-16 **42-140-12. Inconsistent laws or ordinances inoperative.** -- Except as otherwise  
9-17 provided herein, any provisions of any special law and part of any special law and all ordinances  
9-18 and parts of ordinances pertaining to development within the district which are inconsistent with  
9-19 the provisions of this chapter shall be inoperative and cease to be effective. The provisions of thi  
9-20 chapter shall be deemed to provide an exclusive, additional, alternative, and complete method fo  
9-21 the doing of the things authorized hereby and shall be deemed and construed to be supplemental  
9-22 and additional to, and not in derogation of, powers conferred upon the corporation by law and or  
9-23 the city by its chapter; provided, however, that insofar as the express provisions of this chapter  
9-24 are inconsistent with the provisions of any general or special law, administrative order or  
9-25 regulation, or ordinance of the city, the provisions of this chapter shall be controlling.

9-26 **42-140-13. Pledge not to alter rights of district.** -- The state does hereby pledged to  
9-27 and agree with the holders of the bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness of the  
9-28 corporation that the state and the city will not limit or alter rights hereby vested in the  
9-29 corporation, which affect the capacity or ability of the corporation to meet its obligations  
9-30 regarding bonds, notes or other forms of indebtedness, until the bonds, notes, or other evidences  
9-31 of indebtedness, together with interest thereon, with interest on any unpaid installment of interest  
9-32 and all costs and expenses in connection with an actions or proceedings by or on behalf of the  
9-33 bondholders and noteholders, are fully met and discharged.

9-34 **42-140-14. Severability.** -- If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to  
10-1 any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or  
10-2 applications of the chapter, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application,  
10-3 and to this end the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable.

10-4 SECTION 2. Section 42-64-7.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-64 entitled "Rhode

10-5 Island Economic Development Corporation" is hereby amended to read as follows:

10-6 **42-64-7.1. Subsidiaries.** -- (a) (1) The parent corporation shall have the right to exercise  
10-7 and perform its powers and functions, or any of them, through one or more subsidiary  
10-8 corporations whose creation shall be approved and authorized by the general assembly.

10-9 (2) (i) Express approval and authorization of the general assembly shall be deemed to  
10-10 have been given for all legal purposes on July 1, 1995 for the creation and lawful management of  
10-11 a subsidiary corporation created for the management of the Quonset Point/Davisville Industrial  
10-12 Park, that subsidiary corporation being managed by a board of directors, the members of which  
10-13 shall be constituted as follows: (i) two (2) members who shall be appointed by the town council  
10-14 of the town of North Kingstown; (ii) two (2) members who shall be residents of the town of North  
10-15 Kingstown appointed by the governor; (iii) four (4) members who shall be appointed by the  
10-16 governor; (iv) the chairperson, who shall be the executive director of the economic development  
10-17 corporation; and (v) non-voting members, who shall include the members of the general assembly  
10-18 whose districts are comprised in any part by areas located within the town of North Kingstown  
10-19 and one non-voting member who shall be a resident of the town of Jamestown, appointed by the  
10-20 town council of the town of Jamestown. Upon receipt of approval and authorization from the  
10-21 general assembly, the parent corporation by resolution of the board of directors may direct any of  
10-22 its directors, officers, or employees to create subsidiary corporations pursuant to chapter 1.2 or 6  
10-23 of title 7 or in the manner described in subsection (b); provided, that the parent corporation shall  
10-24 not have any power or authority to create, empower or otherwise establish any corporation,  
10-25 subsidiary corporation, corporate body or any form of partnership or any other separate entity,  
10-26 without the express approval and authorization of the general assembly.

10-27 The approval and authorization provided herein shall terminate upon the establishment  
10-28 of the Quonset Development Corporation as provided for in chapter 64.10 of this title.

10-29 (ii) The Quonset Development Corporation shall be deemed a subsidiary of the  
10-30 corporation:

10-31 (A) As set forth in section 42-64.10-6(c); and

10-32 (B) Insofar as it exercises any powers and duties delegated to it by the corporation  
10-33 pursuant to this chapter for any project other than on real and personal property owned, leased or  
10-34 under the control of the corporation located in the town of North Kingstown, and the corporation  
11-1 shall be deemed to have authority to delegate any of its powers, with the exception of the power

11-2 to issue any form of negotiable bonds or notes and the power of eminent domain, in order to  
11-3 accomplish the purposes of chapter 64.10 of this title; provided, however, that the corporation  
11-4 may, as provided for in this chapter, issue bonds or exercise the power of eminent domain on  
11-5 behalf of the Quonset Development Corporation or to undertake a project of the Quonset  
11-6 Development Corporation.

11-7 (b) As used in this section, "subsidiary public corporation" means a corporation created  
11-8 pursuant to the provisions of this section. The person or persons directed by the resolution  
11-9 referred to in subsection (a) shall prepare articles of incorporation setting forth: (1) the name of  
11-10 the subsidiary public corporation; (2) the period of duration, which may be perpetual; (3) the  
11-11 purpose or purposes for which the subsidiary public corporation is organized which shall not be  
11-12 more extensive than the purposes of the corporation set forth in section 42-64-5; (4) the number  
11-13 of directors (which may, but need not be, more than one) constituting the initial board of directors  
11-14 and their names and business or residence addresses; (5) the name and business or residence  
11-15 address of the person preparing the articles of incorporation; (6) the date when corporate  
11-16 existence shall begin (which shall not be earlier than the filing of the articles of incorporation  
11-17 with the secretary of state as provided in this subsection); (7) any provision, not inconsistent with  
11-18 law, which the board of directors elect to set forth in the articles of incorporation for the  
11-19 regulation of the internal affairs of the subsidiary public corporation; and (8) a reference to the  
11-20 form of authorization and approval by the general assembly and to the resolution of the board of  
11-21 directors authorizing the preparation of the articles of incorporation. Duplicate originals of the  
11-22 articles of incorporation shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds  
11-23 that the articles of incorporation conform to the provisions of this subsection, the secretary shall  
11-24 endorse on each of the duplicate originals the word "Filed," and the month, day and year of the  
11-25 filing; file one of the duplicate originals in his or her office; and a certificate of incorporation to  
11-26 which the secretary shall affix the other duplicate original. No filing fees shall be payable upon  
11-27 the filing of articles of incorporation. Upon the issuance of the certificate of incorporation or upon  
11-28 a later date specified in the articles of incorporation, the corporate existence shall begin and the  
11-29 certificate of incorporation shall be conclusive evidence that all conditions precedent required to  
11-30 be performed have been complied with and that the subsidiary public corporation has been duly  
11-31 and validly incorporated under the provisions hereof. The parent corporation may transfer to any  
11-32 subsidiary public corporation any moneys, real, personal, or mixed property or any project in

11-33 order to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Each subsidiary public corporation shall have all  
11-34 the powers, privileges, rights, immunities, tax exemptions, and other exemptions of the parent  
12-1 corporation except to the extent that the articles of incorporation of the subsidiary public  
12-2 corporation shall contain an express limitation and except that the subsidiary public corporation  
12-3 shall not have the condemnation power contained in section 42-64-9, nor shall it have the powers  
12-4 contained in, or otherwise be subject to, the provisions of section 42-64-12 and section 42-64-  
12-5 13(a), nor shall it have the power to create, empower or otherwise establish any corporation,  
12-6 subsidiary corporation, corporate body, any form of partnership, or any other separate entity,  
12-7 without the express approval and authorization of the general assembly.

12-8 (c) Any subsidiary corporation shall not be subject to the provisions of section 42-64-  
12-9 8(a), (c), and (d), except as otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation of the subsidiary  
12-10 corporation.

12-11 (d) The corporation, as the parent corporation of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation,  
12-12 shall not be liable for the debts or obligations or for any actions or inactions of the Rhode Island  
12-13 Airport Corporation, unless the corporation expressly agrees otherwise in writing.

12-14 (e) The East Providence Waterfront District and the Providence Development  
12-15 Corporation shall, with the approval of its commission and the board of directors of the  
12-16 corporation, be a subsidiary of the corporation for the purposes of exercising such powers of the  
12-17 corporation as the board of directors shall determine, and notwithstanding the requirements of  
12-18 paragraph (b) above, the act creating the ~~District~~ East Providence Waterfront District and the  
12-19 Providence Development Corporation District shall be deemed fully satisfactory for the purposes  
12-20 of this section regarding the establishment of subsidiary public corporations, and the express  
12-21 approval and authorization of the general assembly shall be deemed to have been given for all  
12-22 legal purposes for the creation and lawful management of a subsidiary corporation created for the  
12-23 purposes of implementing the purposes of the ~~District~~ East Providence Waterfront District and  
12-24 the Providence Development Corporation District.

12-25 (f) The parent corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to create a subsidiary  
12-26 corporation for the expressed purpose to issue bonds and notes of the type and for those projects  
12-27 and purposes specified in the Joint Resolution and Act of the General Assembly adopted by the  
12-28 Rhode Island House of Representatives and the Rhode Island Senate.

12-29 SECTION 3. Section 45-32-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-32 entitled

12-30 "Redevelopment Projects" is hereby amended to read as follows:

12-31 **45-32-5. Corporate powers of agencies.** -- (a) Each redevelopment agency constitutes a  
12-32 public body, corporate and politic, exercising public and essential governmental functions, and  
12-33 has all the powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and  
12-34 provisions of chapters 31 -- 33 of this title, including the powers enumerated in this section in  
13-1 addition to others granted by these chapters:

13-2 (1) To sue and be sued; to borrow money; to compromise and settle claims; to have a  
13-3 seal; and to make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the  
13-4 exercise of its powers.

13-5 (2) To make, and, from time to time, amend and repeal bylaws, rules, and regulations,  
13-6 consistent with chapters 31 -- 33 of this title, to carry into effect the powers and purposes of these  
13-7 chapters.

13-8 (3) To select and appoint officers, agents, counsel, and employees, permanent and  
13-9 temporary, as it may require, and determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation.

13-10 (4) Within the redevelopment area or for purposes of redevelopment: to purchase, lease,  
13-11 obtain an option upon, acquire by gift, grant, bequest, devise, or otherwise, any real or personal  
13-12 property, or any estate or interest in it, together with any improvements on it; to acquire by the  
13-13 exercise of the power of eminent domain any real property or any estate or interest in it, although  
13-14 temporarily not required to achieve the purposes of chapters 31 -- 33 of this title; to clear,  
13-15 demolish, or remove any and all buildings, structures, or other improvements from any real  
13-16 property so acquired; to rehabilitate or otherwise improve any or all substandard buildings,  
13-17 structures, or other improvements; to insure or provide for the insurance of any real or personal  
13-18 property or operations of the agency against risk or hazard; and to rent, maintain, rehabilitate,  
13-19 improve, manage, operate, repair, and clear the property.

13-20 (5) To develop as a building site or sites any real property owned or acquired by it.

13-21 (6) To cause streets and highways to be laid out and graded, and pavements or other road  
13-22 surfacing, sidewalks, and curbs, public utilities of every kind, parks, playgrounds, and other  
13-23 recreational areas, off street parking areas and other public improvements to be constructed and  
13-24 installed.

13-25 (7) To prepare or have prepared all plans necessary for the redevelopment of blighted  
13-26 and substandard areas; with the consent and approval of the community planning commission, to

13-27 carry on and perform, for and on behalf of the commission, all or any part of the planning  
13-28 activities and functions within the community; to undertake and perform, for the community,  
13-29 industrial, commercial, and family relocation services; to obtain appraisals and title searches; to  
13-30 make investigations, studies, and surveys of physical, economic, and social conditions and trends  
13-31 pertaining to a community; to develop, test, and report methods and techniques and carry out  
13-32 research and other activities for the prevention and the elimination of blighted and substandard  
13-33 conditions and to apply for, accept, and utilize grants of funds from the federal government and  
13-34 other sources for those purposes; and to enter upon any building or property in any  
14-1 redevelopment area in order to make investigations, studies, and surveys, and, in the event entry  
14-2 is denied or resisted, an agency may petition the superior court in and for the county in which the  
14-3 land lies for an order for this purpose. Upon the filing of a petition, due notice of it shall be served  
14-4 on the person denying or resisting entry, and after a hearing on the petition, the court shall enter  
14-5 an order granting or denying the petition.

14-6 (8) To undertake technical assistance to property owners and other private persons to  
14-7 encourage, implement, and facilitate voluntary improvement of real property.

14-8 (9) To undertake and carry out code enforcement projects pursuant to the provisions of  
14-9 appropriate federal legislation.

14-10 (10) To invest any funds held in reserves or sinking funds or any funds not required for  
14-11 immediate disbursement, in property or securities in which savings banks may legally invest  
14-12 funds subject to their control; and to purchase its bonds at a price not more than the principal  
14-13 amount and accrued interest, all bonds so purchased to be cancelled.

14-14 (11) To lend money, and to sell, lease, exchange, subdivide, transfer, assign, pledge,  
14-15 encumber (by mortgage, deed of trust, or otherwise), or otherwise dispose of any real or personal  
14-16 property or any estate or interest in it acquired under the provisions of chapters 31 -- 33 of this  
14-17 title, to the United States, the state government, any state public body, or any private corporation,  
14-18 firm, or individual at its fair value for uses in accordance with the redevelopment plan,  
14-19 irrespective of the cost of acquiring and preparing the property for redevelopment. In determining  
14-20 the fair value of the property for uses in accordance with the redevelopment plan, the agency shall  
14-21 take into account, and give consideration to, the uses and purposes required by the plan, the  
14-22 restrictions upon, and the obligations assumed by the purchaser or lessee of the property, and the  
14-23 objectives of the redevelopment plan for the prevention of the recurrence of blighted and

14-24 substandard conditions. Any lease or sale of the property may be made without public bidding  
 14-25 provided, that no sale or lease is made until at least ten (10) days after the legislative body of the  
 14-26 community has received from the agency a report concerning the proposed sale or lease.

14-27 (12) To obligate the purchaser or lessee of any real or personal property or any estate or  
 14-28 interest in it to:

14-29 (i) Use the property only for the purpose and in the manner stated in the redevelopment  
 14-30 plan;

14-31 (ii) Begin and complete the construction or rehabilitation of any structure or  
 14-32 improvement within a period of time which the agency fixes as reasonable; and

14-33 (iii) Comply with other conditions that in the opinion of the agency are necessary to  
 14-34 prevent the recurrence of blighted and substandard conditions and otherwise to carry out the  
 15-1 purposes of chapters 31 -- 33 of this title. The agency, by contractual provisions, may make any  
 15-2 of the purchasers' or lessees' obligations, covenants, or conditions running with the land, and may  
 15-3 provide that, upon breach thereof, the fee reverts to the agency.

15-4 (13) To exercise all or any part or combination of the powers granted in this chapter.

15-5 (b) Nothing contained in this chapter authorizes an agency to construct any new  
 15-6 buildings for residential, commercial, or industrial uses contemplated by the redevelopment plan.

15-7 (c) Nothing contained in this chapter authorizes an agency to retain for a period in excess  
 15-8 of five (5) years from the date of acquisition, or within another additional period of time that the  
 15-9 legislative body fixes as reasonable, the fee or any estate or interest in it to any building,  
 15-10 structure, or other improvement, not demolished or otherwise removed, which has been acquired  
 15-11 by the agency in accordance with the redevelopment plan.

15-12 (d) In order to provide for the coordinated, consolidated and efficient exercise of public  
 15-13 development powers the redevelopment agency in the city of Providence shall have the powers of  
 15-14 a municipal public building authority as provided for in chapter 45-50 and the Providence Off  
 15-15 Street Parking Authority in accordance with public law 306 of 1985, as amended.

15-16 SECTION 4. Construction of act. This act, being necessary for the orderly development  
 15-17 of the state and the city, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. Nothing  
 15-18 contained in this act, however, shall be construed to enable, authorize or empower the Providence  
 15-19 Development Corporation or its board to exercise the execute power of the state of Rhode Island.

15-20 SECTION 5. Severability. This act shall be construed in all respects to meet all

15-21 constitutional requirements. In carrying out the purposes and provisions of this act, all steps shall  
15-22 be taken which are necessary to meet constitutional or other legal requirements whether or not  
15-23 these steps are expressly required by statute. If, after the application of the provisions of this  
15-24 section, any of the provisions of this at, or its application to any circumstances, shall be held  
15-25 unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect or impair the  
15-26 validity of the application of those provisions to other circumstances or the validity of any of the  
15-27 other provisions of this act.  
15-28 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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**EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF**

**A N A C T  
RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT**

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16-1 This act would create the Providence development corporation to plan, implement  
16-2 administer, and oversee redevelopment initiatives.  
16-3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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1 affect the well-being of the people of the city and the metropolitan area for generations, thus  
2 diverse, high quality development is critically important.

3 **42-140-2. Purposes.** – The purposes of this chapter are:

4 (a) To plan, implement, administer, and oversee redevelopment initiatives in the district  
5 under the control of the Providence Development Corporation; and

6 (b) To authorize, provide for, and facilitate the consolidated exercise of development and  
7 redevelopment powers existing at the state and local levels.

8 **42-140-3. Definitions.** – As used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall  
9 have the following meaning:

10 (a) "Acquiring authority" means an acquiring authority as defined in Chapter of Title 37.

11 (b) "Comprehensive agreement" means a comprehensive agreement between the board  
12 and those persons obligated to undertake a qualifying project as set forth in this section.

13 (c) "Plan" means the I-195 Old Harbor Plan adopted by the city of Providence.

14 (d) "Project area" means that area bounded by Pine Street, Chestnut Street, Clifford Street  
15 and the new service road as laid out in the plan.

16 **42-140-4. Providence development corporation created.** – The Providence  
17 development corporation is hereby constituted as an independent public instrumentality and body  
18 corporate and politic for the purposes set forth in this chapter with a separate legal existence from  
19 the city and from the state and the exercise by the corporation of the powers conferred by this  
20 chapter shall be deemed and held to be the performance of an essential public function. The  
21 Providence development corporation shall oversee, plan, implement, and administer development  
22 in the district defined in a plan entitled "A Vision for Providence 2020." The city may, by  
23 ordinance, limit the district to an area smaller than defined in the plan "A Vision for Providence  
24 2020." It is the intent of the general assembly by the passage of this chapter to vest in the  
25 corporation all powers, authority, rights, privileges, and titles which may be necessary to enable it  
26 to accomplish the purposes herein set forth, and this chapter and the powers granted hereby shall  
27 be liberally construed in conformity with those purposes.

28 **42-140-5. Planning.** – The corporation shall function and conduct its business and  
29 activities in a manner consistent with plans approved for the corporation by the city and the  
30 Providence city plan commission, and as appropriate or necessary, by the Rhode Island economic  
31 development corporation. Such plans may be prepared without limitation by the corporation in  
32 order to achieve the purposes of this chapter, and shall be subject to such state and local approvals  
33 as are expressly provided for in this chapter. The corporation's district plan(s) shall conform with  
34 the comprehensive plan and land development regulations of the city. The corporation's

1 approved plan for the district(s) shall be considered, in whole or part as appropriate for adoption  
2 as an element of the state guide plan by the state planning council and for incorporation into a  
3 special area management plan, which includes the district(s), by the Coastal Resources  
4 Management Council.

5 42-140-6. Corporation governance -- Board of directors. -- The powers of the  
6 corporation shall be exercised by a board of directors as herein provided.

7 (a) Membership of the board of directors. There shall be a board of directors of seventeen  
8 (17) members; thirteen (13) of whom shall be voting members; and four (4) of whom shall be  
9 nonvoting members. Seven (7) members shall be members of the Providence Redevelopment  
10 Agency as appointed in accordance with section 45-31-12. One voting member shall be a  
11 member of the house of representatives from the city of Providence, appointed by the speaker of  
12 the house. One voting member shall be a member of the senate from the city of Providence,  
13 appointed by the president of the senate. The Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and the  
14 Providence Foundation shall each submit to the mayor a list of no fewer than three (3) nominees  
15 for membership. From each list, the mayor shall select one member, who will be a voting  
16 member. Two (2) voting members shall be appointed by the governor. The department of  
17 transportation, the department of environmental management, the economic development  
18 corporation and the coastal resources management council shall each designate one of the four (4)  
19 nonvoting members. The initial appointment of the designee of the Greater Providence Chamber  
20 of Commerce shall be for a one year term, and the initial appointment of the designee of the  
21 Providence Foundation shall be for a two (2) year term. Initial appointments by the governor  
22 shall be one member for a three (3) year term and one member for a four (4) year term. After the  
23 initial appointment, terms shall be for five (5) years. Members of the board of directors shall be  
24 either electors or property owners of the city or persons engaged in business in the city. The  
25 mayor shall appoint a member who shall be the chairperson. Each member of the board shall  
26 serve until a successor is appointed and qualified. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the  
27 office of a member by death, resignation, or otherwise, that vacancy shall be filled in the same  
28 manner as an original appointment, but only for the remainder of the term of the former member.

29 (b) The members of the board of directors shall receive no compensation for the  
30 performance of their duties under this chapter, but each member shall be reimbursed for his or her  
31 reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out those duties. A member may engage in private  
32 employment, or in a profession or business.

33 (c) The board of directors, at its annual meeting, shall elect a vice-chairperson, secretary  
34 and treasurer. A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum, and any action to be

1 taken by the corporation under the provisions of this chapter may be authorized by resolution  
2 approved by a majority of the members present and entitled to vote at any regular or special  
3 meeting at which a quorum is present. A vacancy in the membership of the corporation shall not  
4 impair the right of a quorum to exercise all of the rights and perform all of the duties of the board  
5 of directors.

6 (d) The board of directors shall appoint such additional officers and staff members as  
7 they shall deem appropriate and shall determine the amount of reasonable compensation, if any,  
8 each shall receive. The board of directors may vest in an executive director or the executive  
9 director's subordinates the authority to appoint additional staff members and to determine the  
10 amount of compensation each individual shall receive.

11 (e) No full-time employee shall, during the period of his or her employment by the  
12 corporation, engage in any other private employment, profession, or business, except with the  
13 approval of the board of directors.

14 (f) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, it shall not be or constitute a conflict of  
15 interest for a director, officer, or employee of any financial institution, investment banking firm,  
16 brokerage firm, commercial bank, trust company, building-loan association, architecture firm,  
17 insurance company, or any other firm, person, or corporation to serve as a member of the board of  
18 directors, nor shall any contract or transaction between the corporation and a financial institution,  
19 investment banking firm, brokerage firm, commercial bank, trust company, building-loan  
20 association, architecture firm, insurance company, or other firm, person, or corporation be void or  
21 voidable by reason of that service as a member of the board of directors. If any member, officer,  
22 or employee of the corporation shall be interested either directly or indirectly, or shall be a  
23 director, officer, or employee of or have an ownership interest (other than as the owner of the less  
24 than one percent (1%) of the shares of a publicly-held corporation) in any firm or corporation  
25 interested directly or indirectly in any contract with the corporation, that interest shall be  
26 disclosed to the board of directors and set forth in the minutes of the board of directors, and the  
27 member, officer, or employee having that ownership interest shall not participate on behalf of the  
28 board of directors in the authorization of that contract. Interested members may be counted in  
29 determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the board of directors which authorizes the  
30 contract or transaction.

31 (g) Any action taken by the board of directors under the provisions of this chapter may be  
32 authorized by vote at any regular or special meeting, and each vote shall take effect immediately.  
33 All meetings shall be open to the public, and all records, shall be a matter of public record, except  
34 that if a majority of the board of directors decides, consistent with the requirements of the open

1 meetings law, that it would be in the best interest of the corporation and the city and/or the state  
2 to hold an executive session in private, then the board of directors shall be authorized to transact  
3 any business as allowable under law at that executive session in private, and the record of the  
4 executive session shall not become a matter of public record until the transaction discussed has in  
5 the opinion of the board of directors been completed.

6 (h) Employees of the corporation shall not, by reason of their employment, be deemed to  
7 be employees of the state or the city for any purpose, any other provision of the general laws;  
8 charter, or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

9 **42-140-7. Powers of the board of directors. – The board of directors shall have all the**  
10 **rights and powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate this chapter, including, but**  
11 **not limited to, the rights and powers:**

12 (a) To sue and be sued, complain and defend, in its corporate name.

13 (b) To have a seal which may be altered at pleasure and to use the seal by causing it, or a  
14 facsimile of the seal, to be impressed or affixed, or in any other manner reproduced.

15 (c) To purchase, receive, lease, or otherwise own, hold, improve, use, and otherwise deal  
16 in and with, real or personal property, or any interest in real or personal property wherever  
17 situated.

18 (d) To acquire any land, or any interest herein, by the exercise of the power of eminent  
19 domain.

20 (e) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer, and otherwise dispose of  
21 all or any part of its property and assets for any consideration and upon any terms and conditions  
22 as the board of directors shall determine.

23 (f) To make contracts and guarantees, incur liabilities and borrow money at any rates of  
24 interest as the board of directors may determine.

25 (g) To make and execute agreements of lease, conditional sales contracts, installment  
26 sales contracts, loan agreements, mortgages, construction contracts, operation contracts and other  
27 contracts and instruments necessary or convenient in the exercise of the powers and functions of  
28 the board of directors granted by this chapter.

29 (h) To lend money for its purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and at its option to take  
30 and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.

31 (i) To acquire or contract to acquire, from any person, firm, corporation, municipality, the  
32 federal government, or the state, or any agency of either the federal government or the state, by  
33 grant, purchase, lease, gift, condemnation, or otherwise, or to obtain options for the acquisition of  
34 any property, real or personal, improved or unimproved, and interests in land less than the fee

1 thereof, and to own, hold, clear, improve, develop, and rehabilitate, and to sell, assign, exchange,  
2 transfer, convey, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose or encumber that property for the  
3 purposes of carrying out the provisions and intent of this chapter, for any consideration as the  
4 board of directors shall determine, and to retain a master developer for all or any portion of a  
5 project.

6 (j) To conduct its activities, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the  
7 powers granted by this chapter, within or outside of the state.

8 (k) To elect or appoint officers and agents of the corporation and define their duties and  
9 fix their compensation.

10 (l) To make and alter bylaws, not inconsistent with this chapter, for the administration  
11 and regulation of the affairs of the corporation, and those bylaws may contain provisions  
12 indemnifying any person who is or was a commissioner, officer, employee, or agent of the  
13 corporation.

14 (m) To be a promoter, partner, member, associate, or manager of any partnership,  
15 enterprise, or venture within the district and to engage in promotional marketing, and similar  
16 activities for the benefit of the corporation.

17 (n) To enter into contracts, agreements, and cooperative agreements with the city and its  
18 agencies and instrumentalities and the state and its agencies and instrumentalities for the sharing  
19 of personnel and other resources.

20 (o) To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect its purposes;  
21 provided, however, that the corporation shall not have any power to create, empower or otherwise  
22 establish any corporation, subsidiary corporation, corporate body, any form of partnership, or any  
23 other separate entity without the express approval and authorization of the city council.

24 (p) To acquire or condemn certain state-owned property declared surplus by the  
25 department of transportation after construction and demolition of interstate route 195. The  
26 corporation recognizes that the department of transportation will perform fair market value  
27 appraisals to establish the value for these properties in accordance with U.S. department of  
28 transportation, federal highway administration guidelines, specifically the code of federal  
29 regulations 23CFR, Part 713 (Right-of-Way The Property Management Function). The  
30 corporation must seek and secure the written consent to acquire or condemn said surplus property  
31 from the state of Rhode Island, the department of transportation, prior to any action being taken.

32 42-140-8. Additional general powers. -- In addition to the powers of the corporation  
33 otherwise provided herein, the corporation shall have the powers set forth below and shall be  
34 subject to the limitations herein set forth. Except as may be expressly limited by action of the

1 corporation at a regular or special meeting, the board of directors shall have the powers necessary  
2 to put into effect the powers of the corporation as set forth below and as herein limited.

3 (a) The corporation is authorized and empowered to fix, revise, charge, collect and waive  
4 fees, rates, rents, delinquency charges, and other charges for its services, and other services,  
5 facilities, and commodities furnished or supplied by it, including penalties for violations of such  
6 regulations as the corporation may from time to time promulgate under this chapter. Fees, rates,  
7 rents, delinquency charges and other charges of general application shall be adopted and revised  
8 by the corporation in accordance with procedures to be established by the corporation for assuring  
9 that interested persons are afforded notice and an opportunity to resent data, views, and  
10 arguments. The corporation shall hold at least one public hearing on its schedule of fees, rates,  
11 and charges or any revision thereof prior to adoption, notice of which shall be published in a  
12 newspaper of substantial circulation in the district at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the  
13 hearing, and notice of the hearing shall be provided to the city council. No later than the date of  
14 such publication the corporation shall make available to the public the proposed schedule of fees,  
15 rates, and charges. Fees, rates, rents, and other charges established by the corporation shall not be  
16 subject to supervision or regulation by any department, division, district, board, bureau, or agency  
17 of the state or any of its political subdivisions. In order to provide for the collection and  
18 enforcement of its fees, rates, rents, and other charges, the corporation is hereby granted all the  
19 powers and privileges with respect to such collection and enforcement held by the city of liens for  
20 unpaid taxes. In no event shall the corporation be permitted to levy a property tax.

21 (b) In order to provide for the consolidated and coordinated, efficient and effective  
22 exercise of public development powers affecting or benefiting the redevelopment initiative in the  
23 district, the corporation shall have the powers of:

24 (1) A special development district as provided for in chapter 45-24.4;

25 (2) A redevelopment agency as provided for in chapters 45-31, 45-31.1, 45-31.2, 45-32;  
26 and 45-33. Within the district, the term "blighted area and substandard area" shall be deemed to  
27 include areas where the presence of hazardous materials, as defined in section 23-19.14-3;  
28 impairs the use, reuse, or redevelopment of impacted sites;

29 (3) A municipal public buildings authority as provided for in chapter 45-50;

30 (4) A subsidiary of the Rhode Island economic development corporation, with the  
31 approval of the economic development corporation, and the enactment of this chapter shall  
32 constitute the approval of the general assembly as required by section 42-64-7.1; and

1           (5) Other agencies, authorities, corporations or commissions, such as the off street  
2 parking corporation, created by the public laws of the state for the benefit of the city of  
3 Providence or by city ordinance.

4           (c) For the benefit of the district, the corporation shall have the power to enter into  
5 agreements with the city of Providence for: (1) the exercise of powers for tax increment financing  
6 as provided for in chapter 45-33.2; and (2) the imposition of impact fees as provided for in  
7 chapter 45-22.4 in order to provide infrastructure capacity to or make physical improvements  
8 within the district.

9           (d) To facilitate the redevelopment of certain state-owned properties which shall become  
10 available by relocation of interstate route 195, the corporation is empowered to supervise the  
11 redevelopment and improvement of this land through the solicitation, negotiation, execution and  
12 enforcement of comprehensive agreements for the redevelopment through privately-funded  
13 qualifying projects. The corporation is further authorized and directed to take advantage of  
14 private sector efficiencies in designing, developing and constructing qualifying institutional  
15 projects, which include components that specifically improve public education, public services  
16 and infrastructure. The corporation is further authorized and directed to ensure that the state and  
17 its agencies permit and approve qualifying projects in an expedited fashion.

18           (e) The corporation, in carrying out this redevelopment shall ensure that all development  
19 is consistent with and subject to the city of Providence comprehensive plan pursuant to section  
20 45-22.2, Zoning Ordinance, pursuant to section 45-24 and the I-195 Old Harbor Plan. As  
21 consistent with those plans, these properties can then be utilized for the expansion of institutional  
22 use. The clearance of highway structures, replatting, redevelopment and improvement of this land  
23 in recognition of the I-195 Old Harbor Plan (October 1992) shall spur the economic development  
24 and the improvement of public education, public services, and infrastructure. Thus, this clearance  
25 of highway structures, replanning, redevelopment and improvement is hereby declared a public  
26 purpose.

27           (f) If comprehensive agreements are entered into pursuant to the provisions of this  
28 chapter, the board is hereby authorized and directed to expedite the consideration and issuance of  
29 permits and approvals necessary for development, construction, and operation of qualifying  
30 projects.

31           **42-140-9. Electors and elections. -- (a) Electors.** The electors of the district(s) shall  
32 include electors of the city and/or owners of real property of the city and/or district(s) ratepayers.

33           (b) Elections. In the event that exercise of any powers of the corporation require  
34 approval by vote within the district, the corporation shall have the power to organize and conduct

1 such election in a manner consistent with requirements of law and in conjunction with the city, as  
2 necessary or appropriate.

3 **42-140-10. Records – Reports - Inspection. --** The corporation shall at all times keep  
4 full and accurate accounts of its receipts, expenditures, disbursements, assets, and liabilities,  
5 which shall be open to inspection by any officer or duly appointed agent of the city. The  
6 corporation shall report annually on: (a) its finances; and (b) on the activities undertaken, the  
7 progress made in meeting goals and objectives set forth in its plans, and its proposed activities for  
8 the next year. Copies of these reports shall be submitted to the mayor and the city council. The  
9 corporation shall conform with the open meetings law, chapter 42-46, and the open records law,  
10 chapter 38-2, in the same manner as required of the city, and the board of directors and the  
11 employees of the corporation shall be subject to the code of ethics set forth in chapter 36-14.

12 **42-140-11. Termination or dissolution of district. --** Upon termination or dissolution  
13 of the corporation, the title to all funds and other properties owned by it which remain after  
14 payment of all bonds and notes and other obligations and liabilities of the corporation shall vest in  
15 the city's redevelopment agency.

16 **42-140-12. Inconsistent laws or ordinances inoperative. --** Except as otherwise  
17 provided herein, any provisions of any special law and part of any special law and all ordinances  
18 and parts of ordinances pertaining to development within the district which are inconsistent with  
19 the provisions of this chapter shall be inoperative and cease to be effective. The provisions of this  
20 chapter shall be deemed to provide an exclusive, additional, alternative, and complete method for  
21 the doing of the things authorized hereby and shall be deemed and construed to be supplemental  
22 and additional to, and not in derogation of, powers conferred upon the corporation by law and on  
23 the city by its chapter; provided, however, that insofar as the express provisions of this chapter  
24 are inconsistent with the provisions of any general or special law, administrative order or  
25 regulation, or ordinance of the city, the provisions of this chapter shall be controlling.

26 **42-140-13. Pledge not to alter rights of district. --** The state does hereby pledged to  
27 and agree with the holders of the bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness of the  
28 corporation that the state and the city will not limit or alter rights hereby vested in the  
29 corporation, which affect the capacity or ability of the corporation to meet its obligations  
30 regarding bonds, notes or other forms of indebtedness, until the bonds, notes, or other evidences  
31 of indebtedness, together with interest thereon, with interest on any unpaid installment of interest  
32 and all costs and expenses in connection with an actions or proceedings by or on behalf of the  
33 bondholders and noteholders, are fully met and discharged.

34 **42-140-14. Severability. –** If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to

1 any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or  
2 applications of the chapter, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application,  
3 and to this end the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable.

4 SECTION 2. Section 42-64-7.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-64 entitled "Rhode  
5 Island Economic Development Corporation" is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 **42-64-7.1. Subsidiaries.** -- (a) (1) The parent corporation shall have the right to exercise  
7 and perform its powers and functions, or any of them, through one or more subsidiary  
8 corporations whose creation shall be approved and authorized by the general assembly.

9 (2) (i) Express approval and authorization of the general assembly shall be deemed to  
10 have been given for all legal purposes on July 1, 1995 for the creation and lawful management of  
11 a subsidiary corporation created for the management of the Quonset Point/Davisville Industrial  
12 Park, that subsidiary corporation being managed by a board of directors, the members of which  
13 shall be constituted as follows: (i) two (2) members who shall be appointed by the town council  
14 of the town of North Kingstown; (ii) two (2) members who shall be residents of the town of North  
15 Kingstown appointed by the governor; (iii) four (4) members who shall be appointed by the  
16 governor; (iv) the chairperson, who shall be the executive director of the economic development  
17 corporation; and (v) non-voting members, who shall include the members of the general assembly  
18 whose districts are comprised in any part by areas located within the town of North Kingstown  
19 and one non-voting member who shall be a resident of the town of Jamestown, appointed by the  
20 town council of the town of Jamestown. Upon receipt of approval and authorization from the  
21 general assembly, the parent corporation by resolution of the board of directors may direct any of  
22 its directors, officers, or employees to create subsidiary corporations pursuant to chapter 1.2 or 6  
23 of title 7 or in the manner described in subsection (b); provided, that the parent corporation shall  
24 not have any power or authority to create, empower or otherwise establish any corporation,  
25 subsidiary corporation, corporate body or any form of partnership or any other separate entity,  
26 without the express approval and authorization of the general assembly.

27 The approval and authorization provided herein shall terminate upon the establishment  
28 of the Quonset Development Corporation as provided for in chapter 64.10 of this title.

29 (ii) The Quonset Development Corporation shall be deemed a subsidiary of the  
30 corporation:

31 (A) As set forth in section 42-64.10-6(c); and

32 (B) Insofar as it exercises any powers and duties delegated to it by the corporation  
33 pursuant to this chapter for any project other than on real and personal property owned, leased or  
34 under the control of the corporation located in the town of North Kingstown, and the corporation

1 shall be deemed to have authority to delegate any of its powers, with the exception of the power  
2 to issue any form of negotiable bonds or notes and the power of eminent domain, in order to  
3 accomplish the purposes of chapter 64.10 of this title; provided, however, that the corporation  
4 may, as provided for in this chapter, issue bonds or exercise the power of eminent domain on  
5 behalf of the Quonset Development Corporation or to undertake a project of the Quonset  
6 Development Corporation.

7 (b) As used in this section, "subsidiary public corporation" means a corporation created  
8 pursuant to the provisions of this section. The person or persons directed by the resolution  
9 referred to in subsection (a) shall prepare articles of incorporation setting forth: (1) the name of  
10 the subsidiary public corporation; (2) the period of duration, which may be perpetual; (3) the  
11 purpose or purposes for which the subsidiary public corporation is organized which shall not be  
12 more extensive than the purposes of the corporation set forth in section 42-64-5; (4) the number  
13 of directors (which may, but need not be, more than one) constituting the initial board of directors  
14 and their names and business or residence addresses; (5) the name and business or residence  
15 address of the person preparing the articles of incorporation; (6) the date when corporate  
16 existence shall begin (which shall not be earlier than the filing of the articles of incorporation  
17 with the secretary of state as provided in this subsection); (7) any provision, not inconsistent with  
18 law, which the board of directors elect to set forth in the articles of incorporation for the  
19 regulation of the internal affairs of the subsidiary public corporation; and (8) a reference to the  
20 form of authorization and approval by the general assembly and to the resolution of the board of  
21 directors authorizing the preparation of the articles of incorporation. Duplicate originals of the  
22 articles of incorporation shall be delivered to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds  
23 that the articles of incorporation conform to the provisions of this subsection, the secretary shall  
24 endorse on each of the duplicate originals the word "Filed," and the month, day and year of the  
25 filing; file one of the duplicate originals in his or her office; and a certificate of incorporation to  
26 which the secretary shall affix the other duplicate original. No filing fees shall be payable upon  
27 the filing of articles of incorporation. Upon the issuance of the certificate of incorporation or upon  
28 a later date specified in the articles of incorporation, the corporate existence shall begin and the  
29 certificate of incorporation shall be conclusive evidence that all conditions precedent required to  
30 be performed have been complied with and that the subsidiary public corporation has been duly  
31 and validly incorporated under the provisions hereof. The parent corporation may transfer to any  
32 subsidiary public corporation any moneys, real, personal, or mixed property or any project in  
33 order to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Each subsidiary public corporation shall have all  
34 the powers, privileges, rights, immunities, tax exemptions, and other exemptions of the parent

1 corporation except to the extent that the articles of incorporation of the subsidiary public  
2 corporation shall contain an express limitation and except that the subsidiary public corporation  
3 shall not have the condemnation power contained in section 42-64-9, nor shall it have the powers  
4 contained in, or otherwise be subject to, the provisions of section 42-64-12 and section 42-64-  
5 13(a), nor shall it have the power to create, empower or otherwise establish any corporation,  
6 subsidiary corporation, corporate body, any form of partnership, or any other separate entity,  
7 without the express approval and authorization of the general assembly.

8 (c) Any subsidiary corporation shall not be subject to the provisions of section 42-64-  
9 8(a), (c), and (d), except as otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation of the subsidiary  
10 corporation.

11 (d) The corporation, as the parent corporation of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation,  
12 shall not be liable for the debts or obligations or for any actions or inactions of the Rhode Island  
13 Airport Corporation, unless the corporation expressly agrees otherwise in writing.

14 (e) The East Providence Waterfront District and the Providence Development  
15 Corporation shall, with the approval of its commission and the board of directors of the  
16 corporation, be a subsidiary of the corporation for the purposes of exercising such powers of the  
17 corporation as the board of directors shall determine, and notwithstanding the requirements of  
18 paragraph (b) above, the act creating the ~~District~~ East Providence Waterfront District and the  
19 Providence Development Corporation District shall be deemed fully satisfactory for the purposes  
20 of this section regarding the establishment of subsidiary public corporations, and the express  
21 approval and authorization of the general assembly shall be deemed to have been given for all  
22 legal purposes for the creation and lawful management of a subsidiary corporation created for the  
23 purposes of implementing the purposes of the ~~District~~ East Providence Waterfront District and  
24 the Providence Development Corporation District.

25 (f) The parent corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to create a subsidiary  
26 corporation for the expressed purpose to issue bonds and notes of the type and for those projects  
27 and purposes specified in the Joint Resolution and Act of the General Assembly adopted by the  
28 Rhode Island House of Representatives and the Rhode Island Senate.

29 SECTION 3. Section 45-32-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-32 entitled  
30 "Redevelopment Projects" is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 **45-32-5. Corporate powers of agencies.** -- (a) Each redevelopment agency constitutes a  
32 public body, corporate and politic, exercising public and essential governmental functions, and  
33 has all the powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and  
34 provisions of chapters 31 -- 33 of this title, including the powers enumerated in this section in

1 addition to others granted by these chapters:

2 (1) To sue and be sued; to borrow money; to compromise and settle claims; to have a  
3 seal; and to make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the  
4 exercise of its powers.

5 (2) To make, and, from time to time, amend and repeal bylaws, rules, and regulations,  
6 consistent with chapters 31 -- 33 of this title, to carry into effect the powers and purposes of these  
7 chapters.

8 (3) To select and appoint officers, agents, counsel, and employees, permanent and  
9 temporary, as it may require, and determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation.

10 (4) Within the redevelopment area or for purposes of redevelopment: to purchase, lease,  
11 obtain an option upon, acquire by gift, grant, bequest, devise, or otherwise, any real or personal  
12 property, or any estate or interest in it, together with any improvements on it; to acquire by the  
13 exercise of the power of eminent domain any real property or any estate or interest in it, although  
14 temporarily not required to achieve the purposes of chapters 31 -- 33 of this title; to clear,  
15 demolish, or remove any and all buildings, structures, or other improvements from any real  
16 property so acquired; to rehabilitate or otherwise improve any or all substandard buildings,  
17 structures, or other improvements; to insure or provide for the insurance of any real or personal  
18 property or operations of the agency against risk or hazard; and to rent, maintain, rehabilitate,  
19 improve, manage, operate, repair, and clear the property.

20 (5) To develop as a building site or sites any real property owned or acquired by it.

21 (6) To cause streets and highways to be laid out and graded, and pavements or other road  
22 surfacing, sidewalks, and curbs, public utilities of every kind, parks, playgrounds, and other  
23 recreational areas, off street parking areas and other public improvements to be constructed and  
24 installed.

25 (7) To prepare or have prepared all plans necessary for the redevelopment of blighted  
26 and substandard areas; with the consent and approval of the community planning commission, to  
27 carry on and perform, for and on behalf of the commission, all or any part of the planning  
28 activities and functions within the community; to undertake and perform, for the community,  
29 industrial, commercial, and family relocation services; to obtain appraisals and title searches; to  
30 make investigations, studies, and surveys of physical, economic, and social conditions and trends  
31 pertaining to a community; to develop, test, and report methods and techniques and carry out  
32 research and other activities for the prevention and the elimination of blighted and substandard  
33 conditions and to apply for, accept, and utilize grants of funds from the federal government and  
34 other sources for those purposes; and to enter upon any building or property in any

1 redevelopment area in order to make investigations, studies, and surveys, and, in the event entry  
2 is denied or resisted, an agency may petition the superior court in and for the county in which the  
3 land lies for an order for this purpose. Upon the filing of a petition, due notice of it shall be served  
4 on the person denying or resisting entry, and after a hearing on the petition, the court shall enter  
5 an order granting or denying the petition.

6 (8) To undertake technical assistance to property owners and other private persons to  
7 encourage, implement, and facilitate voluntary improvement of real property.

8 (9) To undertake and carry out code enforcement projects pursuant to the provisions of  
9 appropriate federal legislation.

10 (10) To invest any funds held in reserves or sinking funds or any funds not required for  
11 immediate disbursement, in property or securities in which savings banks may legally invest  
12 funds subject to their control; and to purchase its bonds at a price not more than the principal  
13 amount and accrued interest, all bonds so purchased to be cancelled.

14 (11) To lend money, and to sell, lease, exchange, subdivide, transfer, assign, pledge,  
15 encumber (by mortgage, deed of trust, or otherwise), or otherwise dispose of any real or personal  
16 property or any estate or interest in it acquired under the provisions of chapters 31 -- 33 of this  
17 title, to the United States, the state government, any state public body, or any private corporation,  
18 firm, or individual at its fair value for uses in accordance with the redevelopment plan,  
19 irrespective of the cost of acquiring and preparing the property for redevelopment. In determining  
20 the fair value of the property for uses in accordance with the redevelopment plan, the agency shall  
21 take into account, and give consideration to, the uses and purposes required by the plan, the  
22 restrictions upon, and the obligations assumed by the purchaser or lessee of the property, and the  
23 objectives of the redevelopment plan for the prevention of the recurrence of blighted and  
24 substandard conditions. Any lease or sale of the property may be made without public bidding  
25 provided, that no sale or lease is made until at least ten (10) days after the legislative body of the  
26 community has received from the agency a report concerning the proposed sale or lease.

27 (12) To obligate the purchaser or lessee of any real or personal property or any estate or  
28 interest in it to:

29 (i) Use the property only for the purpose and in the manner stated in the redevelopment  
30 plan;

31 (ii) Begin and complete the construction or rehabilitation of any structure or  
32 improvement within a period of time which the agency fixes as reasonable; and

33 (iii) Comply with other conditions that in the opinion of the agency are necessary to  
34 prevent the recurrence of blighted and substandard conditions and otherwise to carry out the

1 purposes of chapters 31 -- 33 of this title. The agency, by contractual provisions, may make any  
2 of the purchasers' or lessees' obligations, covenants, or conditions running with the land, and may  
3 provide that, upon breach thereof, the fee reverts to the agency.

4 (13) To exercise all or any part or combination of the powers granted in this chapter.

5 (b) Nothing contained in this chapter authorizes an agency to construct any new  
6 buildings for residential, commercial, or industrial uses contemplated by the redevelopment plan.

7 (c) Nothing contained in this chapter authorizes an agency to retain for a period in excess  
8 of five (5) years from the date of acquisition, or within another additional period of time that the  
9 legislative body fixes as reasonable, the fee or any estate or interest in it to any building,  
10 structure, or other improvement, not demolished or otherwise removed, which has been acquired  
11 by the agency in accordance with the redevelopment plan.

12 (d) In order to provide for the coordinated, consolidated and efficient exercise of public  
13 development powers the redevelopment agency in the city of Providence shall have the powers of  
14 a municipal public building authority as provided for in chapter 45-50 and the Providence Off  
15 Street Parking Authority in accordance with public law 306 of 1985, as amended.

16 SECTION 4. Construction of act. This act, being necessary for the orderly development  
17 of the state and the city, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. Nothing  
18 contained in this act, however, shall be construed to enable, authorize or empower the Providence  
19 Development Corporation or its board to exercise the execute power of the state of Rhode Island.

20 SECTION 5. Severability. This act shall be construed in all respects to meet all  
21 constitutional requirements. In carrying out the purposes and provisions of this act, all steps shall  
22 be taken which are necessary to meet constitutional or other legal requirements whether or not  
23 these steps are expressly required by statute. If, after the application of the provisions of this  
24 section, any of the provisions of this at, or its application to any circumstances, shall be held  
25 unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect or impair the  
26 validity of the application of those provisions to other circumstances or the validity of any of the  
27 other provisions of this act.

28 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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