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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marvin L. Abney, Chairman, House Finance Committee
The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

From: Joseph Codega Jr., Budget Officer 

Date: February 16th, 2024

Subject: Corrections to the FY 2025 Appropriations Act (24-H-7225)

Governor's Budget Amendment #2

The Budget Office has reviewed the FY 2025 Appropriations Act as posted on the legislative website and through this review and from feedback provided by the Fiscal Staffs have identified several errors and omissions that were contained in the original version submitted by our office to the Legislative Counsel's office. Below is a list of these corrections by Article number and section, with page and line number references within each article section.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about these requested changes.

cc: Sharon Reynolds Ferland, House Fiscal Advisor
Stephen Whitney, Senate Fiscal Advisor
Brian Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget
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1. Article 1 – Relating to Making Appropriations in Support of FY 2025

Section 1

The following two changes correct for the inadvertent omission of a line item and incorrectly including that funding in the main general revenue line item:

Page 24, Line 34: Strike “69,702,836” and replace with “67,902,836”.

Page 25, After Line 1: Insert “Rhode Island Vision Education and Services Program 1,800,000”.

2. Article 3 – Relating to Government Reform and Reorganization

Section 15

Page 82, Line 17: Strike “23-97-3” and replace it with “23-100-3”. This replacement corrects a drafting oversight in the submitted article which references an unrelated statutory citation.

Section 16

Page 84, After Line 4: Insert the following language to correct for the inadvertent omission of a portion of existing statute within § 28-43-1:

(11) “Tax year” means the calendar year.

(12) “Total payroll” means, for the purpose of this chapter, the total of all wages paid by all employers who are required to pay contributions under the provisions of chapters 42 – 44 of this title.

(13) “Unadjusted reserve ratio of fund” means the ratio which the total amount available for the payment of benefits in the employment security fund on September 30, 1979, or any computation date thereafter, minus any outstanding federal loan balance, bears to the aggregate of all total payrolls subject to this chapter paid during the twelve-month (12) period ending on the immediately preceding June 30, or the twelve-month (12) average of all total payrolls during the thirty-six-month (36) period ending on that June 30, whichever percentage figure is smaller.

(14) “Voluntary contribution” means a contribution paid by an employer to his or her account in accordance with § 28-43-5.1 to reduce the employer’s experience rate for the ensuing tax year.

3. Article 6 – Relating to Taxes and Fees

Section 17

Page 168, Line 7: Remove the underlining from the following language: “cigarette and/or any tobacco products”. The underlining of these words, which indicates the addition of amending language, was inadvertently added, but this language is contained in the existing statute.

Section 24

Page 191, Lines 5 - 6: Underline the following language: “, regardless of whether the vessel is under way, making way, docked, or moored.” The underlining of these words, which indicates the addition of amending language, was inadvertently omitted.

4. Article 7 – Relating to Economic Development

Section 10

Page 200, After Line 4: Insert the following language: “(b) In a given tax year, a business or individual shall not receive a voucher or matching-fund award provided for under this chapter in conjunction with the tax credit provided for in § 44-32-3.” This addition corrects a drafting oversight in the submitted article that fully omitted subsection (b) of § 42-64.28-5.

5. Article 9 – Relating to Health and Human Services

Section 3

Page 219, Line 15: Replace “\$14.~~87~~” with “\$14.8” to revert the aggregate limit back to the original \$14.8 million to accommodate the full DSH payment as adopted at the November 2023 Caseload Estimating Conference.

Page 219, Line 31: strike “\$14.7” and replace with “\$14.8” to accommodate the full DSH payment as adopted at the November 2023 Caseload Estimating Conference.