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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marvin L. Abney, Chairman, House Finance Committee
The Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

From: Jonathan Womer, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Date: March 30, 2021

Subject: **Corrections to the FY 2022 Appropriations Act (21-H-6122)**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Womer".

The Budget Office has reviewed the FY 2022 Appropriations Act as posted on the legislative website and through this review and from feedback provided by Fiscal Staff have identified several errors that were contained in the original version submitted by our office to the Legislative Counsel's office. Below is a list of the errors and corrections by Article number and page and line number within each article.

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

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Jonathan Womer, Director, Office of Management and Budget
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**an original, signed version of this Memo was submitted to the General Assembly.*

1. **Article 1 – Relating to Making Appropriations in Support of FY 2022**

SECTION 1. This amendment removes language that was inadvertently included and is not relevant to FY 2022 appropriations.

Page 10, lines 8-12: Strike all language contained in lines 8 through 12 (inclusive).

SECTION 19. This amendment inserts language related to a revenue initiative which was included in budget narrative materials and assumptions but was omitted from the Appropriations Act in error.

Page 44, after line 7: Insert the following new Section 19 and renumber subsequent article section(s) accordingly:

SECTION 19. Notwithstanding any general laws to the contrary, the Department of Environmental Management shall transfer to the State Controller the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund restricted receipt account by June 30, 2022.

2. **Article 3 – Relating to Government Reform and Reorganization**

SECTION 6. This amendment corrects an error that inadvertently skipped a year of the required DD Article 28 monthly BHDDH reporting.

Page 64, line 8: Add “effective July 1, 2022” following “[...]is hereby repealed.”

3. **Article 4 – Relating to Debt Management Act Joint Resolutions**

SECTION 6. The fiscal year referenced in which implementation costs would be shared by the federal government for the Rhode Island Child Welfare Information System (RICHIST) replacement project requires updating.

Page 75, line 20: Replace “begin in fiscal year 2021.” with “beginning in fiscal year 2022.”

4. **Article 6 – Relating to Fees**

SECTION 1. Attached to this memo is a new section for Article 6 that was inadvertently left out of the original Appropriations Act as submitted by the Budget Office. This section changes the 5-hour continuing education unit requirement from every other year to 2.5 hours in each year, to align with the new proposed Contractor’s Registration Board fee structure. Add as Section 1 in Article 6 and renumber subsequent article sections accordingly.

SECTION 5. The following amendments clarify which hospitals are subject to the hospital licensing fee imposed in Article 6.

Page 86, line 30: Remove strike from “2019” and delete 2020.

Page 86, line 33: Remove strike from “2020” and delete 2021.

Page 87, line 3: Insert new subsection (h) that reads, “The licensing fee imposed by subsection (c) shall apply to hospitals as defined herein that are duly licensed on July 1, 2021, and shall be in addition to the inspection fee imposed by § 23-17-38 and to any licensing fees previously imposed in accordance with this section.”

5. Article 9 – Relating to Economic Development

SECTION 14. This amendment is to strike an incidental mention of Providence Plantations. This action is to be consistent with the fact that a reference to this now obsolete terminology was struck elsewhere in the Appropriations Act.

Page 117, line 27: Strike “~~a and Providence Plantations~~”

6. Article 12 – Relating to Medical Assistance

SECTION 8. This amendment corrects a minor reference error in the Medicaid Resolution.

Page 244, line 18: Strike from “~~(f)~~” and add “(o)” following the strike of (f).

1 **New Section – Article 6**

2 SECTION 1. Sections 65-5 of Chapter 5 of the General Laws entitled “Contractors Registration
3 and Licensing Board” is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **5-65-5. Registered application.**

5 (a) A person who wishes to register as a contractor shall submit an application upon a form
6 prescribed by the board. The application shall include:

7 (1) Workers' compensation insurance account number, or company name if a number has not yet
8 been obtained, if applicable;

9 (2) Unemployment insurance account number, if applicable;

10 (3) State withholding tax account number, if applicable;

11 (4) Federal employer identification number, if applicable, or if self-employed and participating in
12 a retirement plan;

13 (5)(i) The individual(s) name and business address and residential address of:

14 (A) Each partner or venturer, if the applicant is a partnership or joint venture;

15 (B) The owner, if the applicant is an individual proprietorship;

16 (C) The corporation officers and a copy of corporate papers filed with the Rhode Island secretary
17 of state's office, if the applicant is a corporation;

18 (ii) Post office boxes are not acceptable as the only address;

19 (6) A statement as to whether or not the applicant has previously applied for registration, or is or
20 was an officer, partner, or venturer of an applicant who previously applied for registration and if so, the
21 name of the corporation, partnership, or venture;

22 (7) Valid insurance certificate for the type of work being performed.

23 (b) A person may be prohibited from registering or renewing a registration as a contractor under
24 the provisions of this chapter or his or her registration may be revoked or suspended if he or she has any
25 unsatisfied or outstanding judgments from arbitration, bankruptcy, courts, or administrative agency
26 against him or her relating to his or her work as a contractor, and provided, further, that a statement shall
27 be provided to the board attesting to the information herein.

28 (c) Failure to provide or falsified information on an application, or any document required by this
29 chapter, is punishable by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and/or revocation of the
30 registration.

31 (d) An applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

32 (e) Satisfactory proof shall be provided to the board evidencing the completion of ~~five (5)~~two and
33 a half (2.5) hours of continuing education units that will be required to be maintained by residential
34 contractors as a condition of registration as determined by the board pursuant to established regulations.

1 (f) A certification in a form issued by the board shall be completed upon registration or license or
2 renewal to ensure contractors are aware of certain provisions of this law and shall be signed by the
3 registrant before a registration can be issued or renewed.