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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: Joseph Codega Jr., Budget Officer *JMCG*

Date: April 29, 2022

Subject: Amendment to FY 2023 Appropriations Act (22-H-7123)

The Governor requests that an amendment be made to Article 2 Relating to State funds of the FY 2023 Appropriations Act to ensure Rhode Island's full potential recovery of the recently allocated Opioid Settlement Agreement by including a claim bar from any other Rhode Island subdivisions not including cities and towns as reflected in the Rhode Island Memorandum of Understanding Between States and Cities and Towns Receiving Opioid Settlement Funds.

If you have any questions regarding these amendments, please feel free to call me or my staff at 222-6300.

JC:22-Amend-7

cc: Sharon Reynolds Ferland, House Fiscal Advisor
Stephen Whitney, Senate Fiscal Advisor
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H 7123 RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2023

Article 2 - Relating to State Funds

SECTION 4. Page 63, line 21: Insert after “Rhode Island General Laws.” the following: “No governmental entity has the authority to assert a claim against the entities with which the attorney general has entered into settlement agreements concerning the manufacturing, marketing, distributing, or selling of opioids that are the subject of the Rhode Island Memorandum of Understanding Between the State and Cities and Towns Receiving Opioid Settlement Funds executed by every city and town and the attorney general and wherein every city and town agreed to release all such claims against these settling entities, and any amendment thereto. Governmental entity means any state or local governmental entity or sub-entity and includes, but is not limited to, school districts, fire districts, and any other such districts. The claims that shall not be asserted are the released claims, as that term is defined in the settlement agreements executed by the attorney general, or, if not defined therein, the claims sought to be released in such settlement agreements.”