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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - HARBORS AND HARBOR LINES

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, and Trillo

Date Introduced: January 29, 2015

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 46-4 of the General Laws entitled "Harbors and Harbor Lines" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3 **46-4-9. Regulation of moorings.** – (a) In the granting of mooring space, priority shall be  
4 granted to persons applying for mooring space within any municipality as follows:

5 (1) First priority shall be granted to residents of the municipality which has jurisdiction  
6 over the mooring;

7 (2) Second priority shall be granted to residents of the state who are not residents of the  
8 municipality which has jurisdiction over the mooring;

9 (3) Third priority shall be granted to the owners of the various marinas or yacht clubs  
10 which are located within the jurisdiction of the mooring; and

11 (4) Fourth priority shall be granted to out-of-state residents.

12 **46-4-10. Annual mooring fee schedule.** – (a) The following fee schedule shall apply to  
13 all moorings under the jurisdiction of Rhode Island municipalities:

14 (1) Mooring for vessels from zero to five hundred pounds (500 lbs.) shall be one hundred  
15 fifty dollars (\$150) per mooring;

16 (2) Mooring for vessels from five hundred pounds (500 lbs.) to one thousand pounds  
17 (1,000 lbs.) shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per mooring; and

18 (3) Mooring for all vessels over one thousand pounds (1,000 lbs.) shall be five hundred  
19 dollars (\$500) per mooring.

1           (b) All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be allocated to the department of  
2 environmental management for the sole use of maintaining all harbors' access and safety. No  
3 portion of any fee paid pursuant to this chapter shall be used for any purpose other than  
4 maintenance of the harbor and service to the users of the moorings.

5           (c) Any municipality that violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a civil  
6 violation to be administered by the department of environmental management, and subject to a  
7 fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) for a first violation, and up to two hundred fifty  
8 dollars (\$250) for any subsequent violation.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would establish an order of priority for persons applying for moorings, and
- 2           would create a fee schedule for moorings.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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