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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAXATION OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING

Introduced By: Representatives Morin, Phillips, Casey, and Johnston

Date Introduced: February 03, 2017

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44-5-13.11 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and
2 Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **44-5-13.11. Qualifying low-income housing -- Assessment and taxation.**

4 (a) Any residential property that has been issued an occupancy permit on or after January
5 1, 1995, after substantial rehabilitation as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
6 Development and is encumbered by a covenant recorded in the land records in favor of a
7 governmental unit or Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation restricting either or
8 both the rents that may be charged to tenants of the property or the incomes of the occupants of
9 the property, is subject to a tax that equals eight percent (8%) of the property's previous years'
10 gross scheduled rental income or a lesser percentage as determined by each municipality.

11 (b) Any municipality that has achieved the goal of having in excess of ten percent (10%)
12 of the year-round housing units reported in the census, as set forth in §45-53-3, may adopt an
13 ordinance that would exempt said municipality from being required to accept any additional
14 residential properties that are otherwise eligible for the alternative assessment and taxation
15 provided for in this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would enable a municipality to adopt an ordinance that would exempt that
2 municipality from being required to accept any additional residential properties, otherwise
3 eligible for alternative assessment and taxation, if the municipality has achieved the goal of
4 having in excess of ten (10%) percent of its housing stock as low and affordable housing.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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