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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES

Introduced By: Representatives Serpa, Costantino, Azzinaro, J. Brien, Carson, and Phillips

Date Introduced: February 17, 2023

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-6 of the General Laws entitled "Ordinances" is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-6-13. Notification of short-term rental of residential property for tourist or**
4 **transient use on a hosting platform website.**

5 (a) Notwithstanding any law or provision to the contrary, cities and towns, may, by
6 ordinance, require written notice, which may be a copy of the registration statement, that contains
7 all required information in § 42-63.1-14(d), to be sent to the municipal building department and all
8 owners of real property whose property is located within one thousand feet (1,000') of the perimeter
9 of a residence being listed for short-term rental for tourist or transient use on a hosting platform.

10 (b) The notice shall be sent once a year upon the first listing of the property on a hosting
11 platform by registered, certified, or first-class mail to the last known address of the owners, as
12 shown on the current real estate tax assessment records of the city or town in which the property is
13 located; provided, for any notice sent by first-class mail, the sender of the notice shall utilize and
14 obtain a United States Postal Services certification of mailing, PS form 3817, or any applicable
15 version thereof, to demonstrate proof of such mailing.

16 (c) Any owner of the property who fails to provide the notice required by this subsection
17 shall be subject to a civil fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) per day for each property
18 until such notice is provided.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would enable cities and towns to require notification to the municipal building
2 department and residences within one thousand feet (1,000') of a residence being listed for short
3 term rental for tourist or transient use through a hosting platform, and become effective on January
4 1, 2024.

5 This act would take effect on January 1, 2024

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