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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Introduced By: Representative Shelby Maldonado

Date Introduced: June 02, 2017

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44-5-61.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and

Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

44-5-61.1. Central Falls -- Exemption or stabilizing of taxes on qualifying property

located in the city.

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Except as provided in this section, the city council of the city of Central Falls may vote to authorize for a period not exceeding ten (10) twelve (12) years, and subject to the conditions provided in this section, to exempt from payment, in whole or in part, real and personal qualifying property, or to determine a stabilized amount, of taxes to be paid on account of the qualifying property located within the city of Central Falls, notwithstanding the valuation of the property or the rate of tax; provided, that after a public hearing, at least ten (10) days' notice of which must be given in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city, the city council determines that granting of the exemption or stabilization for qualifying property has inured or will inure to the benefit of the city by reason of the willingness of the owners of qualifying property to replace, reconstruct, expand or remodel existing buildings, facilities, machinery, or equipment with modern buildings, facilities, fixtures, machinery, or equipment or to construct new buildings or facilities or acquire new machinery or equipment for use in the buildings or facilities or to reoccupy or reuse the buildings or facilities if they are vacant or abandoned for manufacturing/warehousing or research and development, resulting in an increase in investment by the owners in the city. For purposes of this section, "qualifying property" means any building

or structures used or intended to be used essentially for offices, manufacturing, or commercial enterprises, including, but not limited to, financial service enterprises. Except as provided in this section, property, the payment of taxes on which has been so exempted or which is subject to the payment of a stabilized amount of taxes, shall not, during the period for which the exemption or stabilization of the amount of taxes is granted, be further liable to taxation by the city so long as that property is used or intended to be used for the manufacturing or commercial purposes for

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

which the exemption or stabilized amount of taxes was made.

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EXPLANATION

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