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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TAXATION – LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Introduced By: Representative Scott M. Pollard

Date Introduced: January 07, 2010

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44-5-11.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and  
2 Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **44-5-11.1. Certification of businesses and employees engaged in revaluing property.**

4 -- (a) All persons, firms, associations, partnerships, and corporations engaged in the business of  
5 revaluing property for any town or city pursuant to the provisions of section 44-5-11.6 shall be  
6 certified by the department of revenue.

7 (b) All employees of persons, firms, associations, partnerships, and corporations referred  
8 to in subsection (a) of this section shall, prior to revaluin g property for any town or city pursuant  
9 to the provisions of section 44-5-11.6, be certified by the department of revenue as qualified to  
10 perform the services.

11 (c) Each person, firm, association, partnership, or corporation referred to in subsection  
12 (a) of this section shall, prior to revaluin g property for any town or city pursuant to the provisions  
13 of section 44-5-11.6, disclose to the town or city council of that municipality, all standards to be  
14 used in conducting the revaluation and secure approval of the town or city council.

15 (d) (1) The director of revenue shall promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary to  
16 carry out the purposes of this section.

17 (2) The rules and regulations shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following  
18 requirements:

19 (i) The person, firm, association, partnership, or corporation:

1 (A) Must demonstrate experience in the field of assessing, revaluation, and ad valorem  
2 appraising;

3 (B) Must list all officers engaged in the revaluation process in Rhode Island;

4 (C) Must list all project managers, field supervisors, reviewers, appraisers, and other  
5 personnel engaged in the revaluation process in Rhode Island;

6 (D) Must provide a list of the five (5) most recent revaluation projects performed within  
7 the preceding ten (10) years, including the municipality and state in which the work was  
8 performed as well as the project supervisor for each project;

9 (E) Must post a performance surety bond;

10 (F) Demonstrate financial solvency of the company;

11 (G) List all pending litigation, if any, to which the company is a party;

12 (H) All literature provided to homeowners regarding revaluations must display the  
13 following statement:

14 "You have a constitutional right to refuse entry onto your property or into your property  
15 for interior inspection of your home."

16 (ii) The rules and regulations shall require ad valorem appraisers to have either proper  
17 designations from recognized professional organizations or written examinations by the licensing  
18 agency.

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

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- 1           This act would require that homeowners be advised of their right to refuse entry to their
- 2 property when requested for assessment of property tax.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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