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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - WATER SUPPLY

Introduced By: Representatives Winfield, and Costantino

Date Introduced: January 14, 2016

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 39-15-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-15 entitled "Water  
2 Supply" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **39-15-12. Liability of landowner for water charges -- Lien. --** The owner of any house,  
4 building, tenement, or estate shall be liable for the payment of the price or rent or rates fixed by  
5 any town, city, or incorporated fire district or water district for the use of water furnished by such  
6 town, city, fire district, or water district to the owner or occupant of the house, building,  
7 tenement, or estate; and the price, rent, or rates shall be a lien upon the house, building, tenement,  
8 and estate in the same way and manner as taxes assessed on real estate are liens, and, if not paid  
9 as required by the town, city, fire district, or water district, shall be collected in the same manner  
10 that taxes assessed on real estate are by law collected; provided, however, that the ~~city~~  
11 municipalities of Cranston and Smithfield, or any ~~agency~~ agencies thereof, may charge interest on  
12 delinquent payments at a rate of not more than twelve percent (12%) per annum; provided,  
13 however, that the city of Woonsocket or any agency thereof may charge interest on delinquent  
14 payments at a rate of not more than eighteen percent (18%) per annum.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would allow the town of Smithfield to charge interest on delinquent water
- 2 payments at a rate of not more than twelve percent (12%) per annum.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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