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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - TOURISM AND
DEVELOPMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Brien, Reilly, and Phillips

Date Introduced: March 06, 2012

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-63.1-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-63.1 entitled
2 "Tourism and Development" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-63.1-3. Distribution of tax.** -- Except as provided in section 42-63.1-12, the proceeds
4 of the hotel tax shall be distributed as follows by the division of taxation and the city of Newport:

5 (1) ~~Forty-seven percent (47%)~~ Thirty-two percent (32%) of the tax generated by the
6 hotels in the district, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, shall be given to the regional
7 tourism district wherein the hotel is located; provided, however, that from the tax generated by
8 the hotels in the city of Warwick, ~~thirty-one percent (31%)~~ twenty percent (20%) of the tax shall
9 be given to the Warwick regional tourism district established in section 42-63.1-5(a)(5) and
10 ~~sixteen percent (16%)~~ twelve percent (12%) of the tax shall be given to the Greater Providence-
11 Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau established in section 42-63.1-11; and provided
12 further, that from the tax generated by the hotels in the city of Providence, ~~sixteen percent (16%)~~
13 twelve percent (12%) of that tax shall be given to the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention
14 and Visitors' Bureau established by section 42-63.1-11, and ~~thirty-one percent (31%)~~ twenty
15 percent (20%) of that tax shall be given to the Convention Authority of the city of Providence
16 established pursuant to the provisions of chapter 84 of the public laws of January, 1980; provided,
17 however, that the receipts attributable to the district as defined in section 42-63.1-5(a)(7) shall be
18 deposited as general revenues;

1 (2) ~~Twenty-five percent (25%)~~ Thirty-five percent (35%) of the hotel tax shall be given
2 to the city or town where the hotel, which generated the tax, is physically located, to be used for
3 whatever purpose the city or town decides.

4 (3) ~~Twenty-one (21%)~~ Twenty-six percent (26%) of the hotel tax shall be deposited as
5 general revenues and seven percent (7%) to the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and
6 Visitors' Bureau.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would make changes in the percentage distribution of the proceeds of the hotel
- 2 tax.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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