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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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TAXATION - TAXATION OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING

Introduced By: Representatives Morin, Phillips, and Casey

Date Introduced: June 14, 2016

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44-5-13.11 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and
2 Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **44-5-13.11. Qualifying low-income housing -- Assessment and taxation.** – (a) Any
4 residential property that has been issued an occupancy permit on or after January 1, 1995, after
5 substantial rehabilitation as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
6 and is encumbered by a covenant recorded in the land records in favor of a governmental unit or
7 Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation restricting either or both the rents that
8 may be charged to tenants of the property or the incomes of the occupants of the property, is
9 subject to a tax that equals eight percent (8%) of the property's previous years' gross scheduled
10 rental income or a lesser percentage as determined by each municipality.

11 **(b) Provided, however, that any municipality that has achieved the goal of having ten**
12 **(10%) percent of its housing stock as affordable as set forth in §45-53-3 shall not be required to**
13 **accept any additional residential properties that would otherwise be eligible for this alternative**
14 **assessment and taxation.**

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would exempt said municipality from being required to accept any additional
2 residential properties, otherwise eligible for alternative assessment and taxation, if said
3 municipality has achieved the goal of having in excess of ten (10%) percent of its housing stock
4 as low and affordable housing.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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