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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CHILDREN'S GROVE

Introduced By: Senators Seveney, Felag, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: May 22, 2019

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

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2 SECTION 1. Private Acts of the Rhode Island General Assembly, January Session 1910,
3 Vol. 79 #17, entitled "An Act to Incorporate Children's Grove" is hereby amended to read as
4 follows:

5 AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CHILDREN'S GROVE

6 It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

7 Section 1. Henry M. Gibson, John DeWolf, Parmenas Skinner, Jr., Charles B. Rockwell,
8 and Benjamin M. MacDougall, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by
9 the name of "Children's Grove," for the purpose of maintaining public recreation [and open space](#)
10 grounds in the town of Bristol in the state of Rhode Island, where, [among other year-round public](#)
11 [active and passive recreation uses](#), children may be taken for rest, recreation, and the enjoyment
12 of games in the summer season.

13 Sec. 2. Said corporation may acquire, hold, manage, and maintain under suitable
14 regulations such property and tracts of land for the purpose as aforesaid, with the powers and
15 privileges and subject to the duties set forth in Chapter 213 of the General Laws, and such other
16 [applicable](#) laws as are now or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but the said
17 corporation shall have no capital stock nor shall it make any dividends nor any such division of or
18 from its property or income or profits among its members.

19 Sec. 3. The said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or

1 otherwise, such other property, both real and personal, as it may deem ~~be~~ necessary or proper to
2 support or promote the object of said corporation, ~~but not exceeding the sum of twenty five~~
3 ~~thousand dollars in value.~~

4 Sec. 4. Said corporation may dispose of any such property, both real and personal by sale,
5 gift, donation, or otherwise as it may deem necessary or proper to a third party; provided that,
6 such third party be a nonprofit or municipal corporation, and provided that, such property shall be
7 continued to be held, managed, and maintained for similar purposes of public recreation and open
8 space use.

9 Sec. ~~4.~~ 5. All property, both real and personal, held by said corporation shall be exempt
10 from taxation as long as said property shall be held and revenue receipts shall be devoted to the
11 purposes herein stated.

12 Sec. ~~5.~~ 6. The officers shall consist of a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a
13 treasurer, who shall hold offices until their successors are chosen and qualified by acceptance in
14 writing filed with the secretary.

15 Sec. ~~6.~~ 7. The board of directors shall consist of the president, the vice president, the
16 secretary, and the treasurer of this corporation and two other persons elected at the annual
17 meeting or adjournment thereof, and said board of directors shall have exclusive control over the
18 management of all the property held in trust for the purposes as set forth ~~in sections 2 and 3 of~~
19 ~~this act~~ herein.

20 Sec. ~~7.~~ 8. The by-laws of this corporation may be amended at any meeting of the
21 corporation by a vote of the majority of the board of directors of those present or by written
22 consent of a majority of the board of directors; ~~:-Provided~~ provided, notice of the amendment
23 proposed has been given at a previous meeting or sent to members, with notice of the proposed
24 meeting, at least five days previous to the date of such meeting.

25 Sec. ~~8.~~ 9. The annual meeting shall be held in the town of Bristol or in such other location
26 as the majority of the board of directors shall determine.

27 Sec. ~~9.~~ 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would allow a private corporation, named Children's Grove, which was
2 incorporated by an act of the General Assembly in 1910, to convey its open space and
3 recreational property to any nonprofit third party or a municipal corporation; provided that, such
4 property shall be continued to be held, managed, and maintained for similar purposes of public
5 recreation and open space use.

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