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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, and Kettle

Date Introduced: May 16, 2013

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 45 of the General Laws entitled "TOWNS AND CITIES" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 66

4 HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT

5 **45-66-1. Tax classification.** -- (a) Effective May 4, 2013, the Hopkins Hill fire district
6 may adopt a tax classification plan by a majority vote of the electors at the Hopkins Hill fire
7 district annual meeting, subject to the following limitations:

8 (1) The designated classes of property shall be limited to the two (2) classes, as defined in
9 subsection (b) of this section.

10 (2) The effective tax rate applicable to any class shall not exceed by fifty percent (50%)
11 the rate applicable to any other class.

12 (b) Classes of property:

13 (1) Class 1: Residential real estate consisting of no more than five (5) dwelling units, land
14 classified as open space, and dwellings on leased land including mobile homes.

15 (2) Class 2: Commercial and industrial real estate, residential properties containing partial
16 commercial or businesses uses and residential real estate of more than five (5) dwelling units.

17 **45-66-2. Hopkins Hill fire district annual appropriation.** -- Effective May 4, 2013, if
18 the Hopkins Hill fire district fails to approve an annual appropriation authorization, the same
19 amounts appropriated in the prior fiscal year shall be made available at the same levy and tax rate

1 [as the prior annual appropriation.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize the Hopkins Hill fire district to adopt a two-tiered tax
2 classification plan. It would authorize the Hopkins Hill fire district to operate under the prior
3 year's authorized appropriation, if it fails to approve an annual appropriation authorization.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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