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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES --  
INTEREST CHARGES ON OVERDUE PROPERTY TAX

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, Murray, Anderson, F Lombardi, Felag, and McCaffrey

Date Introduced: January 25, 2022

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44-5-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and  
2 Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **44-5-9. Deductions and penalties to insure prompt payment.**

4 Any city or town may provide for a deduction from the tax assessed against any person, if  
5 paid by an appointed time, or for the penalties by way of percentage on a tax, if not paid at the time  
6 appointed, not exceeding ~~eighteen percent (18%)~~ twelve percent (12%) per annum, as it deems  
7 necessary to insure punctual payment; ~~provided, that the city of Cranston may charge a penalty not~~  
8 ~~exceeding twelve percent (12%) per annum.~~

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would establish a statewide limit of twelve percent (12%) per year on interest
- 2 charged by cities and towns on delinquent taxes.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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