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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 -- CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, and Kettle

Date Introduced: April 11, 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 CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

5 **45-66-1. Tax classification. --** (a) Effective September 1, 2012, the Central Coventry fire  
6 district may adopt a tax classification plan, subject to the following limitations:

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

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

11 (b) Classes of property:

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

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

16 **45-66-2. Central Coventry fire district annual appropriation. --** Effective September  
17 1, 2012, if the Central Coventry fire district fails to approve an annual appropriation  
18 authorization, the same amounts appropriated in the prior fiscal year shall be available; provided,  
19 that such appropriation shall be increased by such amount as is necessary for the payment of

1 [existing bonded indebtedness of the Central Coventry fire district and interest thereon.](#)

2           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall apply retroactively to  
3 September 1, 2012 and shall be repealed on September 1, 2013.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would authorize the Central Coventry fire district to adopt a two-tiered tax  
2 classification plan. It would authorize the Central Coventry fire district to operate under the prior  
3 year's authorized appropriation, if it fails to approve an annual appropriation authorization.  
4 Finally, it would allow the Central Coventry fire district to increase the prior year's authorized  
5 appropriation in an amount necessary to make the required payments on the fire district's bond  
6 indebtedness plus interest.

7           This act would take effect upon passage and would apply retroactively to September 1,  
8 2012 and would be repealed on September 1, 2013.

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