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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

AN ACT

#### RELATING TO TAXATION

Introduced By: Representatives Casey, and Phillips

Date Introduced: January 30, 2014

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 44-5 of the General Laws entitled "Levy and Assessment of Local
- 2 Taxes" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 <u>44-5-74.5. Woonsocket -- Exemption for elderly residents. (a) For the city's fiscal</u>
- 4 year 2014-2015 and thereafter, the budget commission for the city of Woonsocket, or any
- 5 individual or body authorized by law to take such action, is authorized to annually fix the amount,
- 6 if any, of a real estate tax exemption for Woonsocket residents based on age upon such terms and
- 7 <u>conditions as it deems reasonable. Exemption rates may be tiered based upon income level.</u>
- 8 (b) Any such exemption shall only apply to residential property owned and occupied by
- 9 the applicant.
- 10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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#### EXPLANATION

# BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

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- 1 This act would authorize the city of Woonsocket to provide a homestead exemption for
- 2 elderly residents commencing fiscal year 2014-2015 and thereafter.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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