It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 44-5-13.11 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

44-5-13.11. Qualifying low-income housing -- Assessment and taxation. -- Any residential property that has been issued an occupancy permit on or after January 1, 1995, after substantial rehabilitation as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is encumbered by a covenant recorded in the land records in favor of a governmental unit or Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation restricting either or both the rents that may be charged to tenants of the property or the incomes of the occupants of the property, is subject to a tax that equals eight percent (8%) twelve percent (12%) of the property's previous years' gross scheduled rental income or a lesser percentage as determined by each municipality.

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

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1 This act would increase the maximum tax from eight percent (8%) to twelve percent (12%) of gross scheduled rental income to be eligible for low-income housing.

2 This act would take effect upon passage.