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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - AFFORDABLE HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY

Introduced By: Representatives Lancia, Lima, Chippendale, Solomon, and Jacquard

Date Introduced: January 19, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-11.2-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-11.2 entitled
2 "Affordable Housing Opportunity" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-11.2-11. Tenant eligibility.**

4 (a) In order to be eligible to reside in a unit assisted under this chapter, the tenant must be
5 a low-income family as defined in § 42-11.2-3.

6 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a tenant is eligible to reside in a unit
7 assisted under this chapter if:

8 (1) The tenant was a low-income family at the time the tenant initially moved into the
9 unit assisted under this chapter; or

10 (2) The tenant resided in the unit assisted under this chapter at the time that the unit first
11 became assisted under this chapter.

12 (c) Persons who are registered, or are required to register, as sex offenders under the laws
13 of this state or any other jurisdiction shall not, whether permanently or temporarily, reside in
14 more than ten percent (10%) of the units in, or form more than ten percent (10%) of the
15 population of, any residential facility receiving state funding or assistance under the provisions of
16 this or any other chapter; provided, however, that this restriction shall not apply to hospitals,
17 nursing homes, long-term care facilities or psychiatric facilities.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prevent registered sex offenders from forming more than ten percent
2 (10%) of the population of residential facilities receiving state funding or assistance, with certain
3 exceptions.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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