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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO TAXATION - ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE INCENTIVE

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Sosnowski, Felag, DiPalma, and Calkin

Date Introduced: February 02, 2017

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 44 of the General Laws entitled "TAXATION" is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 39.4

4 ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE INCENTIVE

5 **44-39.4-1. Definitions.**

6 As used in this chapter:

7 (1) "Alternative fuel for motor vehicles" means any of the following, which is used for
8 the propulsion of motor vehicles:

9 (i) Compressed natural gas;

10 (ii) Liquefied natural gas;

11 (iii) Liquefied petroleum gas;

12 (iv) Hydrogen;

13 (v) Any liquid at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the volume of which consists of
14 ethanol; and

15 (vi) Electricity.

16 **44-39.4-2. Tax credits for installing alternative fuel facilities.**

17 (a) Refueling property credit. -- A taxpayer that constructs and installs and places in
18 service in this state a qualified commercial or residential facility for dispensing alternative fuel
19 for motor vehicles is allowed a credit equal to thirty percent (30%) of the cost to the taxpayer for

1 the purchase of any equipment that is used for dispensing or storing alternative fuel for motor
2 vehicles and thirty percent (30%) of the cost to the taxpayer for the purchase of constructing and
3 installing the part of the dispensing facility, including pumps, storage tanks, and related
4 equipment, that is used for dispensing or storing alternative fuel for motor vehicles. A facility is
5 qualified if the equipment used to store or dispense alternative fuel for motor vehicles is labeled
6 for this purpose and clearly identified as associated with alternative fuel. For commercial
7 facilities, the entire credit may not be taken for the taxable year in which the facility is placed in
8 service but must be taken in three (3) equal annual installments beginning with the taxable year in
9 which the facility is placed in service. If, in one of the years in which the installment of a credit
10 accrues, the portion of the facility directly and exclusively used for dispensing or storing
11 alternative fuel for motor vehicles is disposed of or taken out of service, the credit expires and the
12 taxpayer may not take any remaining installment of the credit. The taxpayer may, however, take
13 the portion of an installment that accrued in a previous year and was carried forward to the extent
14 permitted under chapters 11, 13, 14, 15, 17 and 30 of this title. For residential facilities, the entire
15 value of the credit must be claimed in the taxable year the costs are incurred.

16 (b) Property used by tax-exempt entity. -- In the case of any qualified commercial facility
17 for dispensing alternative fuel for motor vehicles is sold to a tax-exempt nonprofit organization or
18 unit of state or local government, the person who sold such property to the person or entity using
19 the facility shall be treated as the taxpayer that placed the facility in service. The person taking
20 the credit must clearly disclose to the entity purchasing the property for the qualified facility any
21 credit allowed under this section.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and this chapter shall be repealed on
23 January 1, 2020.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would create tax incentives for the installation of alternative fuel facilities.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage and this chapter would be repealed on January 1,
- 3 2020.

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