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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,900,000 TO FINANCE NEW CONSTRUCTION, DEMOLITION, RENOVATIONS AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS TO JAMESTOWN GOLF COURSE AND FACILITIES AT 245 CONANICUS AVENUE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT

Introduced By: Representative Deborah L. Ruggiero

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Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. The town of Jamestown is hereby empowered, in addition to authority  
2 previously granted, to issue its general obligation bonds and notes to an amount not exceeding  
3 two million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$2,900,000) at one time or from time to time under its  
4 corporate name and seal or a facsimile of such seal to finance new construction, demolition,  
5 renovations and/or improvements to Jamestown golf course and facilities at 245 Conanicus  
6 Avenue and related equipment. The bonds of each issue may be issued in the form of serial bonds  
7 or term bonds or a combination thereof and shall be payable either by maturity of principal in the  
8 case of serial bonds or by mandatory serial redemption in the case of term bonds, in annual  
9 installments of principal, the first installment to be not later than five (5) years and the last  
10 installment not later than thirty (30) years after the date of the bonds. All such bonds of a  
11 particular issue may be issued in the form of zero coupon bonds, capital appreciation bonds, serial  
12 bonds or term bonds or a combination thereof. Annual installments of principal may be provided  
13 for by maturity of principal in the case of serial bonds or by mandatory serial redemption in the  
14 case of term bonds. The amount of principal appreciation each year on any bonds, after the date  
15 of original issuance, shall not be considered to be principal indebtedness for the purpose of a  
16 constitutional or statutory debt limit or any other limitation. The appreciation of principal after  
17 the date of original issue shall be considered interest. Only the original principal amount shall be

1 counted in determining the principal amount so issued and any interest component shall be  
2 disregarded.

3 SECTION 2. The bonds shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the  
4 finance director and the president of the town council and shall be issued and sold in such  
5 amounts as the town council may authorize by majority vote of all its members. The amount of  
6 the bond issue, manner of sale, denominations, maturities, interest rate or rates, award and other  
7 terms, conditions and details of any bonds or notes issued under this act may be fixed by the  
8 proceedings of the town council authorizing their issue or by separate resolution to the town  
9 council or, to the extent provisions for these matters are not so made, they may be fixed by the  
10 officers authorized to sign the bonds. The town council may provide that any bonds issued under  
11 this act and any other authorized issue of bonds of the town may be consolidated and issued at the  
12 same time as a single bond issue, provided that the last installment of the portion of any such  
13 consolidated issue that is allocable to the bonds issued under this act shall not be later than the  
14 times specified by the applicable provisions hereof. The bonds may be made callable with or  
15 without premium. The proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds shall be delivered to the  
16 finance director, and such proceeds, exclusive of premiums and accrued interest, shall be  
17 expended for costs of financing new construction, demolition, renovations and/or improvements  
18 to Jamestown golf course and facilities at 245 Conanicus Avenue and related equipment (herein  
19 referred to as the "project") if approved by the voters in accordance with section 12 hereof,  
20 including all other costs incidental and related to the foregoing project and its financing pursuant  
21 to this act, including, but not limited to, the payment of principal of or interest on temporary notes  
22 issued under section 3, the repayment of advances made under section, and/or to finance  
23 capitalized interest on the project. No purchaser of any bonds or notes under this act shall be in  
24 any way responsible for the proper application of the proceeds derived from the sale thereof. The  
25 project shall be carried out and all contracts made therefor on behalf of the town by the town  
26 council, or as may be authorized by the town council. The proceeds of bonds or notes issued  
27 under this act, any applicable federal or state assistance and any other monies referred to in  
28 sections 5, 6, or 9 shall be deemed appropriated for the purposes of this act without further action  
29 than that required by this act. The bond issue authorized by this act may be consolidated for the  
30 purposes of issuance and sale with any other bond issue of the town heretofore or hereafter  
31 authorize; provided that, notwithstanding any such consolidation, the proceeds from the sale of  
32 the bonds authorized by this act shall be expended for the purposes set above. The finance  
33 director and president of the town council and each of them acting singly, on behalf of the town,  
34 are hereby authorized to execute such instruments, documents, or other papers as either of them

1 deem necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of this act and are also authorized to take all  
2 actions and execute all documents or agreements necessary to comply with federal tax and  
3 securities laws, which documents or agreements may have a term coextensive with the maturity  
4 of the bonds authorized hereby, including Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange  
5 Commission, to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure agreement or certificate in  
6 connection with the bond or notes, and to comply with the provisions of §§ 16-7-35 to 16-7-47 of  
7 the Rhode Island general laws, 1956, as amended.

8           SECTION 3. The town council may by resolution authorize the issue from time to time of  
9 interest bearing or discounted notes in anticipation of the issue of bonds under this act or in  
10 anticipation of the receipt of federal or state aid for the purposes of this act. The amount of  
11 original notes issued in anticipation of bonds may not exceed the amount of bonds which may be  
12 issued under this act and the amount of original notes issued in anticipation of federal or state aid  
13 may not exceed the amount of available federal or state aid as estimated by the finance director.  
14 Temporary notes issued hereunder shall be signed by the finance director and the president of the  
15 town council and shall be payable within five (5) years from their respective dates, but the  
16 principal of and interest on notes issued for a shorter period may be renewed or paid from time to  
17 time by the issue of other notes hereunder, provided the period from the date of an original note  
18 to the maturity of any note issued to renew or pay the same debt or the interest thereon shall not  
19 exceed five (5) years. Any temporary notes in anticipation of bonds issued under this section may  
20 be refunded prior to the maturity of the notes by the issuance of additional temporary notes,  
21 provided that no such refunding shall result in any amount of such temporary notes outstanding at  
22 any one time in excess of two hundred percent (200%) of the amount of bonds which may be  
23 issued under this act; and provided further, that if issuance of any such refunding notes results in  
24 any amount of bonds which may be issued under this act, the proceeds of such refunding notes  
25 shall be deposited in a separate fund established with the bank which is paying agent for the notes  
26 being refunded. Pending their use to pay the notes being refunded, monies in the fund shall be  
27 invested for the benefit of the town by the paying agent at the direction of the finance director in  
28 any investment permitted under section 5. The monies in the fund and any investments held as  
29 part of the fund shall be held in trust and shall be applied by the paying agent solely to the  
30 payment or prepayment of the principal of and interest on the notes being refunded. Upon  
31 payment of all principal of and interest on the notes, any excess monies in the fund shall be  
32 distributed to the town. The period for which bonds may be issued under this act need not be  
33 reduced by the period of any temporary loans hereunder. The proceeds derived from the sale of  
34 such temporary notes shall be used only for the purposes for which the proceeds bonds issued

1 under this act may be used. The town may pay the principal of and interest on notes in full from  
2 other than the issuance of refunding notes prior to the issuance of bonds pursuant to section 1  
3 hereof. In such case, the town's authority to issue bonds or notes in anticipation of bonds under  
4 this act shall continue provided that: (1) The town council passes a resolution evidencing the  
5 town's intent to pay off the notes without extinguishing the authority to issue bonds or notes; and  
6 (2) That the period from the date of an original note to the maturity date of any note shall not  
7 exceed five (5) years.

8 SECTION 4. Pending any issue of bonds or notes hereunder, the finance director, with  
9 the approval of the town council, may, to the extent that bonds or notes may be issued hereunder,  
10 apply funds in the treasury of the town for the purposes specified in section 2, such advances to  
11 be repaid without interest from the proceeds of bonds or notes subsequently issued or from the  
12 proceeds of applicable federal or state assistance or from other available funds.

13 SECTION 5. Any proceeds of bonds or notes issued hereunder or of any applicable  
14 federal or state assistance, pending their expenditure, may be deposited or invested by the finance  
15 director in demand deposits, time deposits or savings deposits in which are members of the  
16 federal deposit insurance corporation, in obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States of  
17 America or state of Rhode Island, or by an agency, instrumentality or political subdivision of  
18 either of them, or as may be provided in any other applicable law of the state of Rhode Island or  
19 resolution of the town council or pursuant to an investment policy of the town.

20 SECTION 6. Any accrued interest received upon the sale of bonds or notes hereunder  
21 shall be applied to the payment of the first interest due thereon. Any premiums arising from the  
22 bonds or notes hereunder shall, in the discretion of the finance director, be applied to the cost of  
23 preparing, issuing and marketing bonds or notes hereunder to the extent not otherwise provided,  
24 to the payment of the cost of the project, to the payment of the principal of or interest on bonds or  
25 notes issued hereunder or to any one or more of the foregoing. The cost preparing, issuing and  
26 marketing bonds or notes hereunder may also, in the direction of the finance director, be met from  
27 bond or note proceeds exclusive of premiums and accrued interest or from other monies available  
28 therefor. Any balance of bond or note proceeds remaining after payment of the cost of the project  
29 and the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing bonds or notes hereunder may be applied to the  
30 payment of the principal of or interest on bonds or notes issued hereunder. To the extent  
31 permitted by applicable federal laws, any earnings or net profit realized from the deposit or  
32 investment of funds hereunder shall upon receipt be added to and used for the same purposes as  
33 the proceeds of bonds or notes issued hereunder or be added to and dealt with as a part of  
34 revenues of the town from property taxes. In exercising any discretion under this section, the

1 finance director shall be governed by any instructions adopted by resolution of the town council.  
2 The finance director is authorized to take any action deemed by him or her to be necessary to  
3 assure that interest on the bonds or notes issued hereunder remains excludable from gross income  
4 of the recipients thereof for federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, paying to  
5 the federal government any rebate of earnings derived from the deposit or investment of the  
6 proceeds of such bonds or notes that may be required therefor.

7 SECTION 7. All bonds and notes issued under this act and the debts evidenced thereby  
8 shall be obligatory on the town in the same manner and to the same extent as other debts lawfully  
9 contracted by it and shall be excepted from the operation of § 45-12-2 of the general laws. No  
10 such obligation shall at any time be included in the debt of the town for the purpose of  
11 ascertaining its borrowing capacity. The town shall annually appropriate a sum sufficient to pay  
12 the principal and interest coming due within the year on bonds and notes issued hereunder to the  
13 extent that monies therefor are not otherwise provided. If such sum is not appropriated, it shall  
14 nevertheless be added to the annual tax levy. In order to provide such sum in each year and  
15 notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all taxable property in the town shall be  
16 subject to ad valorem taxation by the town without limitation as to rate or amount.

17 SECTION 8. Any bonds or notes issued under the provisions of this act, if properly  
18 executed by officers of the town in office on the date of execution, shall be valid and binding  
19 according to their terms notwithstanding that before the delivery thereof and payment therefor  
20 any or all of such officers shall for any reason have ceased to hold office.

21 SECTION 9. The town, acting by resolution of its town council, is authorized to apply  
22 for, contract for and expand federal or state advances or other grants or assistance which may be  
23 available for the purposes of this act, and any such expenditures may be in addition to other  
24 monies provided in the act. To the extent of any inconsistency between any law of the state and  
25 any applicable federal law or regulation, the latter shall prevail. Federal and state advances, with  
26 interest where applicable, whether contracted for prior to or after the effective date of this act,  
27 may be repaid as project costs under section 2.

28 SECTION 10. Bonds and notes may be issued under this act without obtaining the  
29 approval of any governmental agency or the taking of any proceedings or the happening of any  
30 conditions except as specifically required by this act for such issue. In carrying out any project  
31 financed in whole or in part under this act, including where applicable the condemnation of any  
32 land or interest in land, and in the levy and collection of assessments or other charges permitted  
33 by law on account of any such project, all action shall be taken which is necessary to meet  
34 constitutional requirements whether or not such action is otherwise required by statute, but the

1 validity of bonds and notes issued hereunder shall in no way depend upon the validity or  
2 occurrence of such action.

3 SECTION 11. After completion of the project, all or any portion of the authorized but  
4 unissued authority to issue bonds and notes under this act may be extinguished by resolution of  
5 the town council, without further action by the general assembly.

6 SECTION 12. The question of the approval of this act shall be submitted to the electors  
7 of the town of Jamestown at the general election to be held on November 6, 2018. The question  
8 shall be submitted in substantially the following form: "Shall an act, passed at the 2018 session of  
9 the General Assembly, entitled 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TO  
10 ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO  
11 EXCEED \$2,900,000 TO FINANCE NEW CONSTRUCTION, DEMOLITION,  
12 RENOVATIONS AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS TO JAMESTOWN GOLF COURSE AND  
13 FACILITIES AT 245 CONANICUS AVENUE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT' be approved?"  
14 The warning for election shall contain the question to be submitted. The town board of canvassers  
15 may combine any two (2) or more voting districts for the election and when so combined shall be  
16 treated as a voting district. If so combined, the town board of canvassers shall advertise the  
17 combination of districts in a newspaper of general circulation in the town. From the time the  
18 election is warned and until it is held, it shall be the duty of the town clerk to keep a copy of this  
19 act available at the clerk's office for public inspection, but the validity of the vote taken at the  
20 election shall not be affected by this requirement.

21 SECTION 13. This section and section 12 shall take effect upon the passage of this act.  
22 The remainder of this act shall take effect upon the approval of the question listed in section 12  
23 hereof by a majority of those voting on the question at the election prescribed by the foregoing  
24 section.

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EXPLANATION

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AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,900,000 TO FINANCE NEW CONSTRUCTION, DEMOLITION, RENOVATIONS AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS TO JAMESTOWN GOLF COURSE AND FACILITIES AT 245 CONANICUS AVENUE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT

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1           This act authorizes the town of Jamestown to issue not more than \$2,900,000 bonds and  
2 notes to finance various improvements at the town of Jamestown's golf course and facilities and  
3 related equipment.

4           Sections 12 and 13 would take effect upon the passage. The remainder of this act would  
5 take effect upon the approval by the electors of the town of the question provided in section 12.

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