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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ORDINANCES

Introduced By: Representatives Canario, Jackson, McLaughlin, Edwards, and  
Cortvriend

Date Introduced: February 06, 2020

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-6 of the General Laws entitled "Ordinances" is hereby amended  
2 by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-6-13. Municipal vaping restrictions.**

4 Cities and towns are authorized to establish by ordinance and regulation, restrictions on  
5 the use of vaping products and nicotine vapor products. Restrictions may include, but are not  
6 limited to, prohibition of use in: public areas, sidewalks and enclosures, areas around schools, day  
7 care facilities, nursing homes and hospitals and other areas where persons may suffer from  
8 exposure to vapor. For purposes of this section, "vaping product" or "nicotine vapor product"  
9 means any noncombustible product containing nicotine or vaping substance that employs a  
10 heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical  
11 means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine or other  
12 vaping substance in a solution or other form, and includes any electronic cigarette, electronic  
13 cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any cartridge or other  
14 container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic  
15 cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would authorize municipalities to adopt ordinances restricting vaping in public
- 2 places and areas near schools, day care facilities and hospitals.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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