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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND
DEVELOPMENT

Introduced By: Representatives McKiernan, Williams, Diaz, Slater, and Lima

Date Introduced: February 26, 2020

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-63.1-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-63.1 entitled "Tourism
2 and Development" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-63.1-12. Distribution of tax to Rhode Island Convention Center Authority.**

4 (a) For returns and tax received on or before December 31, 2015, the proceeds of the hotel
5 tax generated by any and all hotels physically connected to the Rhode Island Convention Center
6 shall be distributed as follows: twenty-seven percent (27%) shall be deposited as general revenues;
7 thirty-one percent (31%) shall be given to the convention authority of the city of Providence; twelve
8 percent (12%) shall be given to the greater Providence-Warwick convention and visitor's bureau;
9 thirty percent (30%) shall be given to the Rhode Island convention center authority to be used in
10 the furtherance of the purposes set forth in § 42-99-4.

11 (b) For returns and tax received after December 31, 2015, the proceeds of the hotel tax
12 generated by any and all hotels physically connected to the Rhode Island Convention Center shall
13 be distributed as follows: twenty-eight percent (28%) shall be given to the convention authority of
14 the city of Providence; twelve percent (12%) shall be given to the greater Providence-Warwick
15 convention and visitor's bureau; and sixty percent (60%) shall be given to the Rhode Island
16 Commerce Corporation established in chapter 64 of title 42.

17 (c) The Rhode Island Convention Center Authority is authorized and empowered to enter
18 into contracts with the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau in the

1 furtherance of the purposes set forth in this chapter.

2 (d) For returns and tax received on or after July 1, 2018, the proceeds of the hotel tax
3 generated by any and all hotels physically connected to the Rhode Island Convention Center shall
4 be distributed as follows: thirty percent (30%) shall be given to the convention authority of the city
5 of Providence; twenty percent (20%) shall be given to the greater Providence-Warwick convention
6 and visitor's bureau; and fifty percent (50%) shall be given to the Rhode Island Commerce
7 Corporation established in chapter 64 of title 42.

8 (e) For returns and tax received on or after July 1, 2020, the proceeds of the hotel tax
9 generated by any and all hotels physically connected to the Rhode Island Convention Center shall
10 be distributed as follows: thirty percent (30%) shall be given to the convention authority of the city
11 of Providence; twenty-four percent (24%) shall be given to the greater Providence-Warwick
12 convention and visitors bureau; twenty-one percent (21%) shall be given to the Rhode Island
13 commerce corporation established in chapter 64 of title 42; and twenty-five percent (25%) shall be
14 given to the city where the hotel is physically located

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would apply the hotel tax distribution formula for entities within the Providence
2 regional tourism district to any and all hotels physically connected to the Rhode Island Convention
3 Center.

4 This act would take effect on July 1, 2020.

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