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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- HEMP GROWTH ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, and Craven

Date Introduced: June 18, 2020

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 2-26 of the General Laws entitled "Hemp Growth Act" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **2-26-11. Local regulation of hemp cultivation.**

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 23 of title 2 or any other general law, public law,
5 rule or regulation to the contrary, cities and towns are authorized to enact ordinances to address and
6 protect their citizens' public health, safety and welfare from the impact of hemp cultivation and any
7 of its derivative products.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would expressly authorize cities and towns to enact ordinances to address and
2 protect their citizens' public safety and welfare from the impact of hemp cultivation and any of its
3 derivative products.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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