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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- HEMP GROWTH ACT

Introduced By: Senators Valverde, DiMario, Sosnowski, and Euer

Date Introduced: January 26, 2021

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

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

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

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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