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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: February 10, 2021

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44-5-13.11 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and
2 Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **44-5-13.11. Qualifying low-income housing -- Assessment and taxation.**

4 Any residential property that has been issued an occupancy permit on or after January 1,
5 1995, after substantial rehabilitation as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
6 Development and is encumbered by a covenant recorded in the land records in favor of a
7 governmental unit or Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation restricting either or
8 both the rents that may be charged to tenants of the property or the incomes of the occupants of the
9 property, is subject to a tax that equals eight percent (8%) of the property's previous years' gross
10 scheduled rental income or a lesser percentage as determined by each municipality; provided, that
11 where twelve percent (12%) or more of the residential units within a municipality qualify for low-
12 income housing, the tax that may be charged is ten percent (10%) of the property's current year's
13 gross scheduled rental income or a lesser percentage as determined by each municipality.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would permit a municipality, in which twelve percent (12%) of the housing in a
2 municipality qualifies for low-income housing, to charge a tax up to ten percent (10%) of the
3 current year's gross scheduled rental income.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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