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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET TO IMPOSE A SUPPLEMENTAL TAX
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

Introduced By: Senators DaPonte, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: April 12, 2012

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. In order to maintain a balanced budget and to prevent a deficit now
2 projected for the current fiscal year, and notwithstanding any provision of law, general, special,
3 any provisions of the home rule charter of the city of Woonsocket, any municipal ordinance or
4 existing judicial decision, the city of Woonsocket is authorized to levy an additional tax on the
5 ratable property of the city, including motor vehicles and trailers, for the current fiscal year in
6 such sum, not to exceed six million six hundred thousand dollars (\$6,600,000), as shall be set by
7 ordinance or resolution of the city council, with the approval of the mayor. The additional tax
8 with respect to motor vehicles and trailers shall not be subject to the provisions of subdivision 44-
9 34.1-1(c)(4) freezing excise tax rates at a level identical to the rate in effect for fiscal year 1998 or
10 a lesser rate. For the city's fiscal year 2012-2013 and thereafter, the excise tax rate for motor
11 vehicles and trailers shall not exceed the city's excise tax rate in effect for the fiscal year 1998.
12 Such additional tax shall become part of the certified tax levy for the city's fiscal year 2011-2012
13 for purposes of calculating the maximum property tax levy according to section 44-5-2 of the
14 general laws for the city's fiscal year 2012-2013, and shall also not be subject to the maximum
15 levy limitations of section 44-5-2 of the general laws for the city's fiscal year 2011-2012. Such
16 additional tax is in part to support a special appropriation to be made by the Woonsocket city
17 council to the Woonsocket education department for the fiscal year 2011-2012. Notwithstanding
18 any provisions of section 16-7-23 of the general laws, such special appropriation to the

1 Woonsocket education department shall not be taken into account in determining the city of
2 Woonsocket's requirement going forward to contribute local funds in an amount not less than its
3 local contribution in the previous fiscal year. Said tax shall be apportioned upon the assessed
4 valuations as determined by the assessor of the city of Woonsocket to the finance director of the
5 city of Woonsocket, as soon as practicable. Within seven (7) days succeeding the certification the
6 assessor shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the city of
7 Woonsocket, the rate of tax and the percentage of fair market value employed in assessing the
8 tax. The city shall provide for the payment of said tax in installments as follows:

9 Said tax may be paid in one installment on a date as shall be set by the city council by
10 ordinance or resolution, but no later than June 15, 2012, and shall carry penalties and interest as
11 by ordinance the city council shall prescribe. No tax sale shall be conducted by the city prior to
12 June 15, 2013 for non-payment of the supplemental tax.

13 In all other respects, the provision of chapters 44-5, 44-7, 44-8, 44-9 and 44-34 of the
14 general laws shall be applicable to the assessment, levy and collection of said tax.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow the city of Woonsocket for the fiscal year 2011-2012 to levy an
2 additional tax on ratable property of the city including motor vehicles and trailers not to exceed
3 (\$6,600,000) six million six hundred thousand dollars.

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