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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

# AN ACT

#### RELATING TO TAXATION - INTEREST CHARGES ON OVERDUE PROPERTY TAX

Introduced By: Representative Robert A. Nardolillo

Date Introduced: January 28, 2016

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 44-5-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and
- 2 Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3 <u>44-5-9. Deductions and penalties to insure prompt payment. --</u> Any city or town may
- 4 provide for a deduction from the tax assessed against any person, if paid by an appointed time, or
- 5 for the penalties by way of percentage on a tax, if not paid at the time appointed, not exceeding
- 6 eighteen percent (18%) twelve percent (12%) per annum, as it deems necessary to insure punctual
- 7 payment; provided, that the city of Cranston may charge a penalty not exceeding twelve percent
- 8 (12%) per annum.
- 9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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## EXPLANATION

## BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would establish a statewide limit of twelve percent (12%) per year on interest charged by cities and towns on delinquent taxes.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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