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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Introduced By: Representatives Place, and Quattrocchi

Date Introduced: January 26, 2022

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-24 of the General Laws entitled "Zoning Ordinances" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-24-30.1. Home-based businesses.**

4 Notwithstanding any zoning or other municipal ordinance to the contrary, any individual  
5 operating a home-based business which meets the criteria provided by the Internal Revenue Code  
6 for home office tax deduction, may operate without securing any approvals from their municipality;  
7 provided, that the home-based business does not store chemicals, other hazardous materials, or park  
8 heavy equipment on the premises, and not more than ten percent (10%) of the premises are used  
9 for parking in connection with the operation of the home-based business.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This act would allow the operation of a home-based business, as long as it meets the criteria  
2 for a home office IRS income tax deduction, without securing any approvals from the municipality.  
3 The business may not store chemicals or other hazardous materials, may not park heavy equipment  
4 and not more than ten percent (10%) of the premises is used for parking, notwithstanding any  
5 contrary zoning law or ordinance.  
6           This act would take effect upon passage.

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