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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL
OF PROPERTY

Introduced By: Representatives Biah, Williams, Amore, Corvese, Hull, Kislak, Alzate,
Giraldo, and Henries

Date Introduced: March 02, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

(RI Housing)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 37-7 of the General Laws entitled "Management and Disposal of
2 Property" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **37-7-16. State surplus property sold for housing development purposes.**

4 (a) Intent. Because of the current need of housing in the state, this section is intended to
5 promote housing development opportunities using state surplus property, while also preserving the
6 existing process stated in § 37-7-5.

7 (b) Initial determination. For any land or property which the department of administration,
8 in its sole discretion, determines to be suitable for housing development purposes, the department
9 shall obtain an appraisal of the land or property.

10 (c) First and second rights to purchase. Upon receipt of the property appraisal, the
11 department shall first offer the land or property for sale to the city or town wherein the land or
12 property is situated at the appraised value of the property. A first right to purchase the land or
13 property shall be conclusively presumed to have been waived in the event a written offer to sell the
14 land or property, containing the terms of the offer, shall have been sent by registered or certified
15 mail to the city or town clerk, as the case may be, wherein the land or property is situated, and the
16 offer shall not have been accepted within thirty (30) days from the date of the mailing. In the event
17 that the city or town wherein the land or property is situated shall refuse to buy the land or property
18 or waive its right to purchase, then, in that event the department shall offer the land or property for

1 sale to Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof
2 ("Rhode Island housing") at the lower of the fair market or appraised value of the land or property.
3 This second right to purchase the land or property shall be conclusively presumed to have been
4 waived in the event a written offer to sell the land or property, containing the terms of the offer,
5 shall have been sent by registered or certified mail to Rhode Island housing, and the offer shall not
6 have been accepted within fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing. In the event that Rhode
7 Island housing shall refuse to buy the land or property or waive its second right to purchase, then,
8 in that event, the state shall be at liberty to sell the land or property in accordance with the provisions
9 contained in § 37-7-5.

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 promote the use of state surplus property by permitting the department of
2 administration to obtain an appraisal and sell property to be used for housing development purposes
3 where appropriate.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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