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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO PROPERTY -- HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS -- MANDATORY
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Introduced By: Representatives Cruz, Henriess, Potter, Morales, Sanchez, and Stewart

Date Introduced: March 03, 2023

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 34-37.1 of the General Laws entitled "Homeless Bill of Rights" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **34-37.1-7. Mandatory municipal emergency shelters.**

4 (a) All cities and towns, which are entitled to receive additional school aid, based upon the
5 equalized weighted assessment valuation, established in § 16-7-21, shall be required to provide and
6 maintain at least one emergency shelter, with a minimum of ten (10) beds, open year round. The
7 cost of the shelter shall be borne by the host municipality.

8 (b) For purposes of this section, an "emergency shelter" means a facility, whose primary
9 purpose is to provide temporary shelter for the homeless, which does not require occupants to sign
10 leases or has occupancy requirements.

11 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 require all cities and towns that receive extra state school aid to provide and
2 maintain, at their expense, year-round homeless shelters with a minimum of ten (10) beds.
3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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