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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, and Abney

Date Introduced: March 06, 2024

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 45-2-35.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-2 entitled "General  
2 Powers" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **45-2-35.1. City of Newport — Landing and boarding fees.**

4           (a) The city of Newport is authorized to charge, assess, or otherwise collect from every  
5 cruise vessel landing at a dock in the city of Newport a landing fee of ~~three dollars (\$3.00)~~ ten  
6 dollars (\$10.00) per passenger and from every cruise vessel embarking from a dock a boarding fee  
7 of ~~three dollars (\$3.00)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00) per passenger. For the purposes of this section, the term  
8 "cruise vessel" does not include ferries and water carriers of persons and/or property doing business  
9 as common carriers operating upon waters between termini within the state.

10           (b) The city council of the City of Newport shall promulgate rules and regulations to  
11 implement the provisions of this section.

12           (c) The city of Newport is authorized to impose a penalty on any delinquency in the  
13 payment of any fee imposed under this section, at a rate equal to that assessed by the city on tax  
14 delinquencies.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would increase passenger landing and boarding fees for passenger cruise vessels
- 2 landing at a dock in Newport from three dollars (\$3.00) to ten dollars (\$10.00).
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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