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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 -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Introduced By: Senators Rogers, DeLuca, and de la Cruz

Date Introduced: January 10, 2024

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-53 of the General Laws entitled "Low and Moderate Income  
2 Housing" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-53-16. Public transportation requirement.**

4 (a) Any municipality not provided with public transportation sufficient to extend to urban  
5 service boundaries within the municipality shall be permitted to reduce the percentage of low- or  
6 moderate-income housing required pursuant to this chapter from ten percent (10%) of the year  
7 round housing units reported in the census to six percent (6%) of the year round housing units  
8 reported in the census as provided for in the definition of "consistent with local needs" in § 45-53-  
9 3(4).

10 (b) The decision to issue the percentage reduction provided in this section shall be  
11 determined by the approved monitoring agent.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow municipalities without public transportation extending to urban  
2 service boundaries to reduce the low- or moderate-income housing requirements from ten percent  
3 to six percent.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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