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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, and Felag

Date Introduced: May 23, 2025

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

(by request)

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           **45-53-17. Well testing for private or public wells in the town of Tiverton.**

4           (a) For any private or public well requirement within the town of Tiverton, the town may  
5 require additional testing to be performed by the developer, to ensure that any well within close  
6 proximity of the construction site will not be affected by dewatering or the loss of effective  
7 recharge. This condition shall be satisfied prior to the commencement of construction on any low-  
8 or moderate- income housing under this chapter.

9           (b) The testing shall comply with all regulations issued by the department of environmental  
10 management and the department of health.

11           (c) The department of environmental management may issue rules and regulations to  
12 promulgate the requirements of this section.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would permit the town of Tiverton to require additional testing, to be performed  
2 by the developer, to ensure that there is no dewatering or loss of effective recharge to surrounding  
3 wells within close proximity of the new well.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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