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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY

Introduced By: Senator Bridget Valverde

Date Introduced: June 06, 2025

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 44-7 of the General Laws entitled "Collection of Taxes Generally"
- 2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 **44-7-10.4. East Greenwich. -- Non-issuance and/or renewal of licenses or permits to**
- 4 **applicants or licensees in arrears in local taxes, liens, and assessments in town.**
- 5 (a) No license or permit issued by the town of East Greenwich, and required for the
- 6 operation of a business, shall be issued or renewed to any person or applicant who is in arrears for
- 7 the payment of any local taxes, liens or other assessments applicable to the operation of the
- 8 business, unless the matter has been duly appealed in a timely fashion to a court of competent
- 9 jurisdiction.
- 10 (b) No demolition or building permit may be issued for new construction and/or the
- 11 renovation or alteration of an existing structure if the party assessed or property owner is in arrears
- 12 for the payment of any real property tax, lien, or other town assessment on real property. This
- 13 prohibition applies only to the real property that is the subject of the building permit application.
- 14 This section does not apply to construction that serves to abate a pending notice of violation issued
- 15 by the town of East Greenwich or any of its officials and/or representatives.
- 16 (c) Any applicant seeking any license or permit or any renewal of any license or permit
- 17 must submit verification from the property tax or assessment collection agency of the town that all
- 18 town taxes, liens, and assessments are paid to date.
- 19 (d) The licensing or permitting authority has the discretion to issue a license or permit,

1 [notwithstanding the forgoing, if the applicant has entered an approved repayment plan for the tax](#)
2 [arrearage and is current on making payments pursuant to that plan.](#)

3 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 East Greenwich to deny issuance or renewal of licenses
2 or permits for properties on which the taxes and/or assessments are in arrears.
3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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