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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Introduced By: Representatives Casey, Serpa, O'Brien, Edwards, Shanley, Messier,
Spears, Read, and Casimiro

Date Introduced: February 06, 2026

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 45-21-24 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-21 entitled "Retirement of Municipal Employees" is hereby amended to read as follows:

45-21-24. Adjustment of disability allowances on return to work — Discontinuance for refusal to submit to examination.

(a) Should the beneficiary be engaged in a gainful occupation or should the beneficiary be offered service as a result of the placing of his or her name on a list of candidates, the retirement board shall adjust, and from time to time readjust, the amount of his or her disability allowance to an amount which, when added to the amount of compensation then earnable by the beneficiary, shall not exceed the rate of earnable compensation currently in force for the classification that the disability annuitant held prior to retirement. Beneficiaries that retire under the provisions of chapter 21.2 of title 45, shall be entitled to earn an amount that, when added to the amount of compensation then earnable by the beneficiary, shall not exceed five (5) times the rate of earnable compensation currently in force for the classification that the disability annuitant held prior to retirement.

(b) Should any disability annuitant under the minimum age of retirement refuse to submit to a medical examination in any year by a physician or physicians designated by the retirement board, the annuitant's retirement allowance may be discontinued until the annuitant's withdrawal of the refusal, and should the annuitant's refusal continue for one year after a request has been made, all the annuitant's rights in and to the retirement allowance may be revoked by the retirement board. A disability annuitant, reinstated to active service, shall be reinstated as a member and

1 participate in the benefits of the retirement system to the same extent as any other member.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize retired police officers and firefighters to earn income in addition
2 to their earnable compensation; provided that, the amount would not exceed five (5) times the rate
3 of earnable compensation currently in force.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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