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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- DAM MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Introduced By: Representatives Place, and Newberry

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-62-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-62 entitled "Dam
2 Management Districts" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **45-62-7. Exemption from real and personal property taxes.**

4 (a) The towns of Burrillville and Glocester are authorized to enact ordinances which exempt
5 from taxation real and personal property owned by a Dam Management District created pursuant
6 to this chapter, said exemption to be limited to property that consists of the lake bed of the Pascoag
7 Reservoir, also known as Echo Lake and property on which any dam, spillway and any appurtenant
8 structures may be located as the same relate to the Pascoag Reservoir, also known as Echo Lake.

9 (b)(1) The town of Burrillville may by ordinance exempt from taxation real and personal
10 property owned by a Dam Management District created pursuant to this section, said exemptions
11 to be limited to property that consist of the lakebed and Wilson's Reservoir (Burrillville assessor's
12 map 138, lot 041; map 016, lot 038; and map 156, lot 064), and property on which any dam,
13 spillway and any appurtenant structures may be located as the same relate to the Wilson's
14 Reservoir.

15 (2) With respect to the town of Burrillville, collection of Dam Management District fees
16 shall be in the same manner as provided by law for the collection of taxes by municipalities and the
17 collector of fees for said Management District and have the same powers and authority as are by
18 law conferred on collection of taxes for towns in the state.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would exempt property that consists of the lakebed and Wilson's Reservoir
2 (Burrillville assessor's map 138, lot 041; map 016, lot 038; and map 156, lot 064) in the town of
3 Burrillville from taxation. Additionally, this act would mandate in the town of Burrillville the
4 collection of dam management district fees to be in the same manner as collection of taxes by
5 municipalities.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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