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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 -- ORDINANCES

Introduced By: Representatives Furtado, Dawson, and Boylan

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 45-6 of the General Laws entitled "Ordinances" is hereby amended  
2 by adding thereto the following section:

3           **45-6-13. Hotel, motel, inn, boardinghouse, or catering establishment – Application;**  
4 **approval.**

5           The city of East Providence, is hereby authorized and empowered to provide, by ordinance,  
6 for the discretionary issuance and revocation of licenses to any person or business entity seeking to  
7 engage in the business of operating a hotel, motel, inn, boardinghouse, or catering establishment,  
8 to establish reasonable fees for the issuance and revocation, and to promulgate, by ordinance,  
9 reasonable rules and regulations as to the duration, location, number, and operation of those licenses  
10 within the city. Prior to issuance of a license by the city clerk, pursuant to this section, any person  
11 or business entity seeking to engage in the business of operating a hotel, motel, inn, boardinghouse,  
12 or catering establishment shall first obtain approval of the chief of police, the building inspector  
13 and the mayor.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would authorize the city of East Providence to issue licenses to any person or  
2 business entity seeking to engage in the business of operating a hotel, motel, inn, boardinghouse,  
3 or catering establishment. The act would also provide that the business in question first obtains  
4 approval from the chief of police, the building inspector and the mayor.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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