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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 -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING--
PARKING SPACES

Introduced By: Senator David P. Tikoian

Date Introduced: March 04, 2026

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

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. Smithfield low- or moderate-income housing parking spaces.**

4 The town of Smithfield may require two (2) parking spaces for each studio, one-bedroom,
5 or two (2) bedroom low- or moderate-income housing unit upon the municipality's determination
6 that there is limited or no local public transportation or off-street parking availability within a
7 reasonable proximity to these low- or moderate-income housing units.

8 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 permit Smithfield to require two (2) parking spaces for each studio, one-
2 bedroom, or two-bedroom low- or moderate-income housing unit upon the determination that
3 limited or no local public transportation or off-street parking is available near these units.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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