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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: Senator Jessica de la Cruz

Date Introduced: April 03, 2026

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

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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