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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: Senators Britto, and Lawson

Date Introduced: May 26, 2026

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

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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