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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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A N A C T
RELATING TO TAXATION

Introduced By: Representative Joseph M. McNamara

Date Introduced: February 24, 2021

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44-5-67.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and
2 Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **44-5-67.2. Warwick -- Property tax classification -- Duties of assessor.**

4 The assessor of the city of Warwick, on or before June 15 of each year, shall make a full
5 and fair cash valuation of all the estate, real and personal, including motor vehicles and trailers,
6 subject to taxation, and determine the assessed valuation of each property class. The assessor has
7 the authority to apply different rates of taxation to each class and to determine the tax due and
8 payable on the property; provided, that the rates are pursuant to an annual tax resolution approved
9 in the same manner as is provided for budget approval in the city charter; provided, further, that
10 the rate of taxation is uniform within each class; and provided, further, that for each year, Class 1
11 property tax rates shall not be less than seventy-five percent (75%) of class two (2) property tax
12 rates. No separate class or zoning district shall be assigned or designated based solely upon a so-
13 called "scenic view," and no property in a particular class or zoning district shall be assessed at an
14 increased rate from other properties in the same class because of a scenic view. As used herein, the
15 term a "scenic view" means that the property is situated so that it has an outlook onto locally
16 significant features near the property, such as distinctive buildings or sight lines of vistas from
17 within the zoning district.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that in the town of Warwick, no separate class or zoning district
2 would be assigned or designated based solely upon a scenic view, and no property in a particular
3 class or zoning district would be assessed at an increased rate from other properties in the same
4 class because of a scenic view.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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