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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- HARBORS AND HARBOR LINES

Introduced By: Representatives Craven, and Casimiro

Date Introduced: March 23, 2022

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 46-4-6.4 of the General Laws in Chapter 46-4 entitled "Harbors and  
2 Harbor Lines" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **46-4-6.4. Town of North Kingstown -- Powers conferred.**

4           (a) The provisions of § 46-22-14, or any other provisions of the general laws  
5 notwithstanding, and in addition to any authority and powers conferred upon the town council of  
6 the town of North Kingstown authority shall also be granted to the town council of the town of  
7 North Kingstown to authorize for the appointment of a harbormaster and by ordinance grant such  
8 authority as the town council may deem necessary to the harbormaster for the enforcement and  
9 supervision of any ordinances, rules, and regulations governing the public waters within its  
10 jurisdiction, to regulate by ordinance the speed, management, and control of all vessels and the  
11 size, type, location, and use of all anchorages and moorings within the public waters within the  
12 confines of the town including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the authority and  
13 power to prohibit waterskiing on any of the public waters, to provide for the regulation of skin  
14 diving, and scuba diving, to designate upon a map of the public waters within the town the places  
15 where permanent or temporary moorings or anchorages may be maintained, to assign moorings, to  
16 remove moorings, to set and collect a fee for the use of moorings, to provide for minimum mooring  
17 specifications, to provide regulations for all houseboats ~~that are not self propelled~~, to provide  
18 regulations for regattas, races, marine parades, tournaments, and exhibitions, to provide for the  
19 removal of wrecks or derelict or abandoned boats or docks, and to impose penalties for violation

1 of the ordinances, not exceeding in amount one hundred dollars (\$100) or imprisonment not  
2 exceeding ten (10) days in some jail or house of correction, for any one offense, the fines to be  
3 recovered to the use of the town.

4 (b) No powers or duties granted herein shall be construed to abrogate the powers or duties  
5 granted to the coastal resources management council as provided in chapter 23 of this title.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow the town of North Kingstown to regulate the activities of all  
2 houseboats in all public waters within the town's jurisdiction, including the enforcement and  
3 supervision of any ordinances, rules and regulations governing its public waters.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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