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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Introduced By: Representative Scott J. Guthrie

Date Introduced: February 08, 2012

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 45-21-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-21 entitled "Retirement  
2 of Municipal Employees" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **45-21-4. Acceptance by municipalities -- Effective date.** -- (a) Any municipality may  
4 accept this chapter by an ordinance or resolution of its governing body stating the group or groups  
5 of employees to be included as provided in section 45-21-7. When the ordinance or resolution has  
6 been approved, a certified copy of it shall be forwarded to the retirement board by the city clerk  
7 or the moderator of the financial town meeting. After the system has begun operations, the  
8 effective date of participation of any municipality shall be the first day of July at least ninety (90)  
9 days following the receipt by the retirement board of the certified copy of the ordinance or  
10 resolution as provided in this section.

11           (b) The Smithfield Town Council may by resolution provide that regular police officers  
12 hired after July 2, 1999 and/or regular firefighters who are members of Smithfield's private  
13 pension system may become members of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of the  
14 State of Rhode Island in accordance with chapters 21 or 21.2 of this title. No resolution may be  
15 adopted by the Town of Smithfield pursuant to this subsection until an actuary study has been  
16 completed to determine the potential cost of the resolution. The cost of the actuary study shall be  
17 paid by the Town of Smithfield.

18           (c) Notwithstanding any general or public law to the contrary, membership pursuant to  
19 this chapter shall be limited to municipalities that do not participate in any other pension plan or

1 [system.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would limit membership in the municipal retirement system to those  
2 municipalities that do not belong to any other pension plan.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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