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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, and Newberry

Date Introduced: February 09, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-9-1.4 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-9 entitled "Childred"

- 2 hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3 <u>11-9-1.4. Minor electronically disseminating indecent material to another person --</u>
- 4 <u>"Sexting" prohibited. --</u> (a) Definitions as used in this section:

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(1) "Minor" means any person not having reached eighteen (18) years of age;

6 (2) "Computer" has the meaning given to that term in section 11-52-1;

7 (3) "Telecommunication device" means an analog or digital electronic device which
8 processes data, telephony, video, or sound transmission as part of any system involved in the
9 sending and/or receiving at a distance of voice, sound, data, and/or video transmissions;

(4) "Indecent visual depiction" means any digital image or digital video of the minor
 engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and includes data stored or on any computer,
 telecommunication device, or other electronic storage media which is capable of conversion into
 a visual image;

14 (5) "Sexually explicit conduct" means actual masturbation or graphic focus on or15 lascivious exhibition of the nude genitals or pubic area of the minor.

(b) No minor shall knowingly and voluntarily and without threat or coercion use a
computer or telecommunication device to transmit an indecent visual depiction of himself or
herself to another person.

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(c) A violation of this section shall be a status offense and referred to the family court.

1 (d) Any minor adjudicated under subsection (b) shall not be charged under section 11-9-2 1.3 and, further, shall not be subject to sex offender registration requirements set forth in section 3 11-37.1-1 et seq., entitled "Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act."

4 SECTION 2. Section 15-23.1-210 of the General Laws in Chapter 15-23.1 entitled 5 "Uniform Interstate Family Support Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

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15-23.1-210. Application of chapter to nonresident subject to personal jurisdiction.

7 [Contingent effective date; see note.] -- A tribunal of this state exercising personal jurisdiction 8 over a nonresident in a proceeding under this chapter, under other law of this state relating to a 9 support order, or recognizing a foreign support order may receive evidence from outside this state 10 pursuant to section 15-23.1-316, communicate with a tribunal outside this state pursuant to 11 section 15-23.1-317, and obtain discovery through <u>a tribunal</u> outside this state pursuant to section 12 15-23.1-318. In all other respects, sections 301 -- 616 of this chapter do not apply and the tribunal 13 shall apply the procedural and substantive law of this state.

14 SECTION 3. Section 17-20-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-20 entitled "Mail 15 Ballots" is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 17-20-10. Certification of applications -- Issuance of ballots -- Marking of lists --17 Mailing address. -- (a) Upon receipt of the application, the local board shall immediately 18 examine it and determine whether it complies with each of the requirements set forth by this 19 chapter and compare the signature on the ballot application with the signature contained on the 20 original registration card, except as may be otherwise provided by law, to satisfy itself that the 21 applicant is a qualified voter. Upon determining that it does meet each requirement of this chapter 22 and that the signature appears to be the same, the local board shall mark the application 23 "accepted" and record in the space provided on the ballot application the senatorial, 24 representative, and voting district in which the applicant should vote.

25 (b) The local board shall also record the city or town code and district information in the mailing label section of the mail ballot application. The local board shall also print or type the 26 27 name of the elector and the complete mailing address in that section. If the local board does not 28 accept the application, the local board shall return the application to the elector, together with a 29 form prescribed by the secretary of state, specifying the reason or reasons for the return of the 30 application.

31 (c) Not later than 4:00 p.m. on the eighteenth (18th) day before the day of any election 32 referred to in this chapter or within seven (7) days of receipt by the local board, whichever occurs 33 first, the local board shall certify the applications to the secretary of state through the CVRS 34 system as this procedure is prescribed by the secretary of state. Upon the certification of a mail

ballot application to the secretary of state, the local board shall enter on the voting list the fact that a mail ballot application for the voter has been certified and shall cause the delivery of the certified mail ballot applications together with the signed certified listing thereof in sealed packages to the state board of elections.

5 (d) (1) Upon the ballots becoming available, the secretary of state shall immediately, 6 issue and mail, by first class mail, postage prepaid, a mail ballot to each eligible voter who has 7 been certified. With respect to voters who have applied for these mail ballots under the provisions 8 of subdivision 17-20-2(3)(1), the secretary of state shall include with the mail ballots a stamped 9 return envelope addressed: "Board of Elections, 50 Branch Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 10 02904-2790".

(2) The secretary of state shall include on the mail ballot envelope a numerical or alphabetical code designating the city or town where the voter resides. The secretary of state shall immediately thereafter indicate on the voter's record that the secretary of state has sent mail ballots provided, that this mark shall serve solely to indicate that a mail ballot has been issued and shall not be construed as voting in the election.

(e) Prior to each election, the secretary of state shall also furnish to the chairperson of the
state committee of each political party a list of the names and residence addresses of all persons
to whom mail ballots have been issued. The secretary of state shall also furnish to a candidate for
political office upon request a list of the names and residence addresses of all persons to whom
mail ballots have been issued within his or her district.

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(f) [Deleted by P.L. 2005, ch. 167, section 2.]

22 (g) If a ballot is returned to the secretary of state by the postal service as undeliverable, 23 the secretary of state shall consult with the appropriate local board to determine the accuracy of 24 the mailing address, and the secretary of state shall be required to remail the ballot to the voter 25 using the corrected address provided by the local board. If the local board is unable to provide a 26 different address than that to which the ballot was originally mailed, the ballot shall be reissued 27 by the secretary of state to the board of canvassers in the city or town where the voter resides 28 utilizing the numerical or alphabetical code established in subsection (d) of this section. The 29 board shall then attempt to notify the voter at his or her place of residence that the ballot has been 30 returned as undeliverable. The ballot must be voted and witnessed in accordance with the 31 provisions of this chapter.

(h) The acceptance of a mail ballot application by the board of canvassers and the
 issuance of a mail ballot by the secretary of state shall not create any presumption as to the
 accuracy of the information provided by the applicant or as to the applicant's compliance with the

1 provisions of this chapter. Any inaccuracy in the provided information or irregularity in the 2 application may be raised as a challenge to the ballot before the board of elections at the time of 3 certification. If the challenge raised at that time is meritorious, the ballot shall be voided.

4 (i) Within two (2) business days of receipt by the local board, the board shall certify 5 emergency mail ballot applications and shall cause the delivery of the emergency mail ballot applications, and certification sheet in sealed packages to the state board of elections. 6

7 SECTION 4. Section 27-3-38 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-3 entitled "Surplus 8 Lines Insurance" is hereby amended to read as follows:

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27-3-38. Surplus line brokers -- License -- Affidavit of inability to obtain insurance -10 **Reports and records - Premium tax - Notice to purchasers. --** (a) The insurance commissioner 11 may issue a surplus line broker's license to any person authorizing the licensee to procure, subject 12 to the restrictions provided in this section, policies of insurance, except life and health and 13 accident, from eligible surplus lines insurers. Residents residents of this state must hold a 14 property and casualty insurance producer license to qualify for a surplus lines broker license. This 15 license may be denied, suspended or revoked by the insurance commissioner whenever, in the 16 commissioner's judgment, any of the bases under section 27-2.4-14 exist. Before any license is 17 issued by the insurance commissioner and before each renewal of a license, there shall be filed in 18 his or her office a written application by the person desiring the license in the form and 19 containing any information, that the insurance commissioner may prescribe. For the purposes of 20 carrying out the provisions of the Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2010, the 21 commissioner is authorized to utilize the national insurance producer database of the NAIC, or 22 any other equivalent uniform national database, for the licensure of a person as a surplus lines producer and for renewal of such license. For insureds whose home state is this state, a person 23 24 shall not procure a contract of surplus lines insurance with a nonadmitted insurer unless the 25 person possesses a current surplus lines insurance license issued by the commissioner.

- 26 (b) A Rhode Island resident business entity acting as a surplus line broker may elect to 27 obtain a surplus line broker license. Application shall be made using the uniform business entity 28 application. Prior to approving the application, the commissioner shall find both of the following:
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(1) The business entity has paid the appropriate fees.

30 (2) The business entity has designated a licensed surplus line broker responsible for the 31 business entity's compliance with the insurance laws and rules of this state.

32 (c) When any policy of insurance is procured under the authority of that license, there 33 shall be executed, both by the licensee and by the insured, affidavits setting forth facts showing 34 that the insured or a licensed Rhode Island producer were unable, after diligent effort, to procure

1 from no less than three (3) admitted insurers the full amount of insurance required to protect the 2 property owned or controlled by the insured or the risks insured. Provided, however the 3 aforementioned affidavit shall not be required when insuring the following interest: amusement 4 parks and devices, environmental improvement and/or remediation sites, vacant property or 5 property under renovation, demolition operations, event cancellation due to weather, railroad liability, discontinued products, fireworks and pyrotechnics, warehouseman's legal liability, 6 7 excess property coverage, and contingent liability. In addition, no such affidavit is required for 8 exempt commercial purchasers as defined by the Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 9 2010. For purposes of this section, residual market mechanisms shall not be considered 10 authorized insurers. Prior to renewing, continuing, or extending any policy, the licensed surplus 11 line broker must confirm that the insurer is on the insurance commissioner's list of approval 12 surplus line insurers in this state.

13 (d) The licensee shall keep a complete and separate record of all policies procured from 14 approved surplus lines insurers under the license and these records shall be open to the 15 examination of both the insurance commissioner and tax administrator at all reasonable times, 16 and shall show the exact amount of each kind of insurance permitted under this section which has 17 been procured for each insured, the gross premiums charged by the insurers for each kind of 18 insurance permitted under this section which were returned to each insured, the name of the 19 insurer or insurers which issued each of these policies, the effective dates of these policies, and 20 the terms for which these policies were issued. The licensee shall file a yearly report with the 21 insurance commissioner on a form prescribed by the insurance commissioner showing the 22 business procured under the surplus line license for the preceding calendar year, and the report 23 shall be due annually on or before April 1.

(e) Every person, firm, or corporation licensed pursuant to the provisions of this section shall file with the insurance commissioner, at the time of the insurance producer license renewal, sufficient information as determined by the insurance commissioner whether a licensee or a person acting on the licensee's behalf, has paid to the tax administrator, for all policies procured by the licensee pursuant to the license during the next preceding calendar year, a tax, computed at the rate of four percent (4%) on the gross premiums charged the insured by the insurers, less the amount of premiums returned to the insured.

(f) Every application form for insurance from a surplus lines insurer, every affidavit
form executed by the insured, and every policy (on its front and declaration pages) issued by the
surplus lines insurer, shall contain in ten (10) point type the following notice:

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NOTICE

1 THIS INSURANCE CONTRACT HAS BEEN PLACED WITH AN INSURER NOT 2 LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND BUT APPROVED AS A SURPLUS LINES INSURER. THE INSURER IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE RHODE 3 4 ISLAND INSURERS INSOLVENCY FUND. SHOULD THE INSURER BECOME INSOLVENT, THE PROTECTION AND BENEFITS OF THE RHODE ISLAND INSURERS 5 INSOLVENCY FUND ARE NOT AVAILABLE. 6

7 SECTION 5. Section 28-44-59 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-44 entitled 8 "Employment Security - Benefits" is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 28-44-59. Severance or dismissal pay allocation. -- For benefit years beginning prior to July 1, 2012, for the purpose of determining an individual's benefit eligibility for any week of 10 11 unemployment, any remuneration received by an employee from his or her employer in the nature 12 of severance or dismissal pay, whether or not the employer is legally required to pay that 13 remuneration, shall be deemed to be wages paid on the last day of employment for services 14 performed prior to that date. For benefit years beginning on or after July 1, 2012, for the purpose 15 of determining an individual's benefit eligibility for any week of unemployment, any 16 remuneration received by an employee from his or her employer in the nature of severance or 17 dismissal pay, whether or not the employer is legally required to pay that remuneration, shall be 18 allocated on a weekly basis from the individual's last day of work for a period not to exceed 19 twenty- six (26) weeks, and the individual will not be entitled to receive benefits for any such 20 week for which it has been determined that the individual received severance or dismissal pay. 21 Such severance or dismissal pay, if the employer does not specify a set number of weeks, such 22 shall be allocated using the individual's weekly benefit rate.

23 SECTION 6. Section 36-9-48 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-9 entitled "Retirement 24 System-Membership and Service Credits" is hereby amended to read as follows:

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36-9-48. Underground storage tank financial review board - Transferred employees.

26 -- (a) Definitions. - For the purposes of this section:

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(i) "UST Board" means the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Financial Review 28 Board, a governmental agency and a public instrumentality of the state of Rhode Island.

29 (ii) "Transfer date" means July 1, 2006.

30 (iii) "Transferred employee" means any individual who was an employee of the UST 31 Board of the state of Rhode Island on the date immediately preceding the transfer date, and who 32 became an employee of the state of Rhode Island, department of environmental management on 33 the transfer date.

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(b) Transferred employees who return to employment with the state of Rhode Island

directly from uninterrupted employment with the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank
 Financial Responsibility Review Board shall have their length of service at the UST Board
 deemed to be uninterrupted active state service for the purposes of service credits in the state
 retirement system.

5 (c) The period of service of any transferred employee from December 29, 2002, to the 6 date of transfer shall be treated as service as an employee of the state of Rhode Island for the 7 purposes of chapters 8, 9 and 10 of this title.

8 (d) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall not apply unless within ninety 9 (90) days following the date of enactment of this section [July 1, 2006] the UST Board transfers, 10 or causes to have transferred from a trustee or other custodian, to the retirement system, an 11 amount equal to the sum of the employees contribution accumulation and the employer 12 contribution accumulation. The amount of transfer shall be determined by the retirement board at 13 full actuarial cost as defined by Rhode Island general law section 36-8.1-9 subdivision 36-8-1(10) 14 for the period of service December 29, 2002, to the transfer date. This will be reduced by the 15 transfer to the retirement board of any and all contributions made to the UST Board's Simple IRA 16 by and on behalf of the transferred employees.

(e) Transferred employees who return to service with the state of Rhode Island directly
from uninterrupted employment with the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Financial
Review Board, henceforth referred to as "UST Board" shall have their length of service at the
UST Board deemed to be uninterrupted active state service for purposes of service credits in the
state retirement system.

SECTION 7. Section 37-2.4-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 37-2.4 entitled
"Habilitation Procurement Program" is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 <u>37-2.4-3. Purchasing. --</u> (a) This section shall not apply with respect to the procurement 25 of any commodity which is available for procurement from an entity established pursuant to chapter 13-7 ("Prisoner Made Goods") or chapter 40-9 ("Services for People who are Blind or 26 27 Visually Impaired") of the general laws and as provided under subsection (e) of this section and 28 notwithstanding any provision in this chapter or the general or public laws to the contrary, any 29 state agency shall purchase goods and services produced by a habilitation facility using the 30 preferred procurement contract list approved pursuant to subdivision 37-2.4-2(b)(3) providing 31 that:

(1) The goods or services offered for sale by a habilitation facility reasonably conform to
 the needs and specifications of the public procurement unit;

34 (2) The habilitation facility can supply the goods or services within a reasonable time;

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2 (3) The price of the goods or services is reasonably competitive with the cost of
3 procuring the goods or services from another source.

4 (b) If there is no price agreement in place that a state agency plans to use, a price can be
5 negotiated between the habilitation facility that can meet the specifications of the board. The
6 board will make a recommendation to the director of administration.

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8 requirements for services must follow the process for purchasing from the habilitation facility.

(c) Existing multi-year contracts can continue through their term. New multi-year

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(d) Each habilitation facility:

10 (1) May submit a price for a product or service to the board at any time and not11 necessarily in response to a request for bids; and

(2) Shall certify on any bid it submits to the board or to a public procurement unit underthis section that is claiming a preference under this section.

(e) During a fiscal year, the requirement for a public procurement unit to purchase goods and services produced by a habilitation facility under the preferred procurement list under subsections <u>37-2.4-4</u> <u>37-2.4-3</u>(a), (b) and (c) does not apply if the division of purchasing and general services determines that the total amount of procurement contracts with habilitation facilities has reached three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for that fiscal year. The total amount of procurement contracts can be changed with a recommendation by the board and approval from the director of administration.

(f) Any state agency that has awarded a solicitation for goods and services to a certified habilitation facility shall, before the expiration of the term of the contract, renegotiate a fair and reasonable price for the services with the certified habilitation facility that has performed the services for the state agency. The state agency is not permitted to solicit new bids for the product or service unless one of the following occurs:

26 (1) The certified habilitation facility no longer wishes to perform the services for the27 state agency;

(2) The state agency decides to perform the services internally and hires employees who
will be employees of the state to perform the services;

30 (3) The state agency no longer needs the service that was provided by the habilitation31 facility;

32 (4) The habilitation facility has not met the requirements for the services offered; or

(5) The habilitation facility and the state agency are unable to agree to fair and
 reasonable terms of a new contract for the habilitation facility's services during the negotiation

- 1 process.
- 2 (g) Any state agency that has awarded a solicitation for services to a certified habilitation 3 facility shall report to the board regarding the progress of the solicitation once a year.
- 4 SECTION 8. Section 44-7-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-7 entitled "Collection of 5 Taxes Generally" is hereby amended to read as follows:
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44-7-11. Collectors to furnish statements of liens. -- (a) Cities, towns or fire districts. -7 The collector of taxes for any city, town, or fire district shall, on written application by any 8 person, and within five (5) days thereafter, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, furnish to 9 the applicant a single certificate of all taxes and other assessments, including water rates and 10 charges, which at the time constitute liens on the parcel of real estate specified in the application 11 and are payable on account of the real estate. The certificate shall be itemized and shall show the 12 amounts payable on account of all taxes and assessments, rates, fees and charges, so far as the 13 amounts are fixed and ascertained, and if the amounts are not then ascertainable, it shall be 14 expressed in the certificate. In addition, the tax certificate shall include: (1) a statement as to 15 whether there are any tax sales scheduled which would affect the parcel of real estate noted in the 16 certificate; and (2) a statement as to whether any of taxes or other assessments noted on the tax 17 certificate as being paid in full were paid as the result of a sale held pursuant to the provisions of 18 chapter 9 of this title within the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding issuance of the 19 certificate. Any city or town officer or board doing any act toward establishing any tax 20 assessment, lien, fees or charge upon any real estate in the city or town shall transmit a notice of 21 that act to the collector of taxes. The collector of taxes shall charge not more than twenty-five 22 dollars (\$25.00) for each certificate so issued, and the money so received shall be paid into the city or town treasury. A certificate issued on or after October 1, 1966, under this section may be 23 24 filed or recorded with the land evidence records of the city or town in which the real estate shall 25 be situated within sixty (60) days after its date, and if filed or recorded shall operate to discharge 26 the parcel of real estate specified from the liens for all taxes, assessments or portions, rates, fees 27 and charges which do not appear by the certificate to constitute liens, except the taxes, 28 assessments or portions, rates, fees and charges which have accrued within one year immediately 29 preceding the date of the certificate; provided, that they are noted in the certificate, and the taxes, 30 assessments or portions, rates, and charges concerning which a statement has been filed or 31 recorded in the land evidence records. A certificate issued under this section shall not affect the 32 obligation of any person liable for the payment of any tax, assessment, rate, fee, or charge.

33 (b) The fee to be paid for filing the certificate with the registry of deeds is eight dollars (\$8.00). 34

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1 (c) Barrington. - In the town of Barrington, the tax collector shall, upon application for 2 any municipal lien certificate, include and attach to the certificate at no additional fee, a separate 3 motor vehicle excise tax certificate setting forth all motor vehicle excise taxes which at the time 4 are due and payable to the town on account of any owner of any real estate referenced in the 5 application. The closing agent presiding at the closing on any transfer of the real estate shall 6 collect all sums due as set forth on the motor vehicle excise tax certificate and transmit the sums 7 to the tax collector along with the forwarding address of the owner transferring the real estate.

8 (d) Warren. - In the town of Warren, the tax collector shall, upon application for any 9 municipal lien certificate, include and attach to the certificate at no additional fee, a separate 10 motor vehicle excise tax certificate setting forth all motor vehicle excise taxes which at the time 11 are due and payable to the town on account of any owner of any real estate referenced in the 12 application. The closing agent presiding at the closing on any transfer of the real estate shall 13 collect all sums due as set forth on the motor vehicle excise tax certificate and transmit the sums 14 to the tax collector along with the forwarding address of the owner transferring the real estate.

15 (e) Smithfield. - In the town of Smithfield, the tax collector shall, upon application for 16 any municipal lien certificate, include and attach to the certificate at no additional fee, a separate 17 motor vehicle excise tax certificate setting forth all motor vehicle excise taxes which at the time 18 are due and payable to the town on account of any owner of any real estate referenced in the 19 application. The closing agent presiding at the closing on any transfer of the real estate shall 20 collect the sums due as set forth on the motor vehicle excise tax certificate and transmit the sums 21 to the tax collector along with the forwarding address of the owner transferring any real estate. 22 This section does apply to refinancing transactions or to transfers of real estate within a family 23 without consideration.

24 (f) City, town or fire district. - The collector of taxes for any city, town, or fire district may, upon application for any municipal lien certificate, include and attach to the certificate at no 25 26 additional fee, a separate motor vehicle excise tax certificate setting forth all motor vehicle excise 27 taxes which at the time are due and payable to the town on account of any owner of any real 28 estate referenced in the application. The closing agent presiding at the closing on any transfer of 29 the real estate shall collect all sums due as set forth on the motor vehicle excise tax certificate and 30 transmit the sums to the tax collector along with the forwarding address of the owner transferring 31 any real estate. This section does not apply to refinancing transactions or to transfers of real estate 32 within a family without consideration.

(g) Scituate. - In the town of Scituate, the tax collector shall, upon application for any
 municipal lien certificate, include and attach to the certificate at no additional fee, a separate

1 motor vehicle excise tax certificate setting forth all motor vehicle excise taxes which at the time 2 are due and payable to the town on account of any owner of any real estate referenced in the 3 application. The closing agent presiding at the closing on any transfer of the real estate shall 4 collect all sums due as set forth on the motor vehicle excise tax certificate and transmit the sums 5 to the tax collector along with the forwarding address of the owner transferring the real estate.

6 (h) Bristol. - In the town of Bristol, the tax collector shall, upon application for any 7 municipal lien certificate, include and attach to the certificate at no additional fee, a separate 8 motor vehicle excise tax certificate setting forth all motor vehicle excise taxes which at the time 9 are due and payable to the town on account of any owner of any real estate referenced in the 10 application. The closing agent presiding at the closing on any transfer of the real estate shall 11 collect all sums due as set forth on the motor vehicle excise tax certificate and transmit the sums 12 to the tax collector along with the forwarding address of the owner transferring the real estate.

13 (i) East Greenwich. - In the town of East Greenwich, the tax collector shall, upon 14 application for any municipal lien certificate, include and attach to the certificate at no additional 15 fee, a separate motor vehicle excise tax certificate setting forth all motor vehicle excise taxes 16 which at the time are due and payable to the town on account of any owner of any real estate 17 referenced in the application. The closing agent presiding at the closing on any transfer of the real 18 estate shall collect the sums due as set forth on the motor vehicle excise tax certificate and 19 transmit the sums to the tax collector along with the forwarding address of the owner transferring 20 any real estate. This section does apply to refinancing transactions or to transfers of real estate 21 within a family without consideration.

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SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

AN ACT

RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION

1 This act is the annual Statutes and Statutory Construction Act, introduced to make 2 technical corrections to the General Laws. These corrections are prepared based upon 3 recommendations of the Law Revision Office.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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