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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012**

### AN ACT

## RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Introduced By: Senators Algiere, and Crowley

Date Introduced: January 11, 2012

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 44-5 of the General Laws entitled "Levy and Assessment of Local 2 Taxes" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section: 3 44-5-83. Annual training institute for local tax collectors. - (a) The director of the 4 department of revenue, in cooperation with the Rhode Island association of collection officers, 5 shall establish and conduct an annual training institute for local tax collectors. The training institute shall consist of certified training courses in such areas as recording of payments, 6 7 reconciliation of tax, recording of abatements, banking, certificates of tax and other liens, 8 bankruptcies, knowledge of state and local laws, and conducting a tax sale. For this purpose, the 9 department may cooperate with educational institutions, local, regional, state, or national 10 collections' organizations, and with any other appropriate professional organizations. The cost of 11 said training program shall be at no cost to the state or municipality. A local tax collector who 12 has successfully completed the training program, or who has obtained the necessary amount of 13 credits, shall be awarded the designation of Rhode Island Certified Collector (RICC). 14 Participation by a local tax collector at the training institute is not mandatory to continue working or to be hired without the designation "RICC". 15 16 (b) An applicant, who is a member of a local collector's staff, who has successfully 17 completed the training program, or who has obtained the necessary courses, shall be awarded the 18 designation of Rhode Island Certified Collector's Personnel (RICCP). Participation by the

personnel or staff of a local tax collector at the training institute is not mandatory to continue

- 1 working or to be hired without the designation "RICCP".
- 2 (c) The Rhode Island association of collection officers shall establish a program of
- 3 recertification, approved by the department of revenue, for all designated members.
- 4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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# **EXPLANATION**

## BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

# AN ACT

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This act would establish an annual training institute for local tax collectors to be conducted by the Department of Revenue in cooperation with the Rhode Island Association of Collection Officers.

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