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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

AN ACT

RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - GENERAL POWERS - BACKGROUND CHECKS

Introduced By: Senators P Fogarty, DiPalma, and Pearson

<u>Date Introduced:</u> February 28, 2013

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-2-3.3 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-2 entitled "General 2 Powers" is hereby amended to read as follows: 3 45-2-3.3. Background checks. -- Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any 4 municipal recreation department may request a background check from their local police 5 department for any employee or volunteer serving their community. Notwithstanding any provision of the general or public laws to the contrary, any person seeking to work or volunteer 6 7 for a municipal recreation department, or any municipal recreation department having the written 8 authorization of a person seeking to work or volunteer for the municipal recreation department, 9 may request a Rhode Island criminal history background check from their local police department 10 for that person. The Rhode Island criminal history background check shall be a certified true copy 11 of the criminal record report and shall bear indicia of authenticity including being printed on local 12 police department letterhead with a raised seal and bearing the signature of a duly appointed local 13 police officer. 14 Further, notwithstanding any provision of the general or public laws to the contrary, any person seeking to work or volunteer for a fire department or fire district located in the town of 15 Burrillville, or any fire department or fire district having the written authorization of a person 16 17 seeking to work or volunteer for the fire department or fire district located in the town of 18 Burrillville, may request a Rhode Island criminal history background check from the Burrillville 19 Police Department for that person. The Rhode Island criminal history background check shall be

- 1 <u>a certified true copy of the criminal record report and shall bear indicia of authenticity including</u>
- 2 being printed on Burrillville Police Department letterhead with a raised seal and bearing the
- 3 signature of a duly appointed Burrillville Police Officer.
- 4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

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This act would authorize any fire district or fire department located in the Town of
Burrillville to request a background check from their local police department for any employee or
volunteer serving their community as a firefighter or employee of the fire district.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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