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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

AN ACT

RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, P Fogarty, Cool Rumsey, Kettle, and Ciccone Date Introduced: May 30, 2013

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 45-53-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-53 entitled "Low and
 Moderate Income Housing" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 45-53-9. Oversight commission. -- (a) There is hereby created an oversight commission to be known as "The Housing Act of 2004 2013 Implementation Oversight Commission" to 4 5 consist of fifteen (15) members: chair of house corporations or designee; chair of senate housing and municipal government or designee; two (2) members of the house appointed by the speaker, 6 7 one of whom shall be from the minority party; two (2) members of the senate appointed by the senate president, one of whom shall be from the minority party; four (4) designees of the 8 9 president of the League of Cities and Towns, two (2) of whom shall be from a municipality under 10 twenty-five thousand (25,000) population, and two (2) of whom shall be from a municipality of 11 twenty-five thousand (25,000) population or over; and one representative each from the Rhode 12 Island Builders Association, Rhode Island Housing, Housing Action Coalition, Grow Smart 13 Rhode Island and Housing Network.

(b) The purposes of the commission shall be: (1) to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the act including the preparation and review, by statewide planning, of local plans; (2) to monitor the development and adoption of the state strategic housing plan by the housing resources commission and statewide planning; (3) to review the progress reports submitted by the housing resources commission; (4) to recommend any changes that may be needed in the law; and (5) to assess the need for resources to accomplish housing objectives and 1 to make recommendations.

2 (c) Forthwith upon the passage of this act [July 2, 2004], the members shall meet at the
3 call of the speaker, and shall elect from among themselves co-chairs, who shall be legislators.
4 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in the manner as the original appointment.

5 (d) The commission is empowered to appoint committees, which may include persons 6 who are not members of the commission. Five (5) members of the commission shall constitute a 7 quorum. All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information, 8 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as necessary or desirable to accomplish the purpose set forth in this section. The speaker is hereby authorized and directed to 9 10 provide quarters for the commission. The commission shall report findings and recommendations 11 to the general assembly on or before March 1, 2013 2017. The commission shall expire on March 12 31, 2015 <u>2020</u>.

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

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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- 1 This act would update the date for the oversight commission to report findings and
- 2 recommendations to the general assembly.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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