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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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VALIDATING AND RATIFYING THE 2014 AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE  
CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD

Introduced By: Representatives Winfield, and Costantino

Date Introduced: March 13, 2015

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. In all respects in which the amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the  
2 town of Smithfield, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of  
3 Smithfield on November 4, 2014, may require ratification, confirmation, validation or enactment  
4 by the general assembly, but in no other respects, the provisions of said amendments to the Home  
5 Rule Charter of the town of Smithfield are hereby ratified, confirmed, validated and enacted. It is  
6 the express intention of the general assembly, by the passage of this act, to give effect to, ratify,  
7 confirm, validate and enact those provisions of the said amendments to the Home Rule Charter of  
8 the town of Smithfield which require ratification, confirmation, validation or enactment and by  
9 the passage of this act, the legislature does hereby ratify, confirm, validate and enact said  
10 provisions, but nothing in this act shall be construed to abrogate or impair the powers now or  
11 hereafter granted to towns by the Home Rule amendment to the Rhode Island Constitution and  
12 other applicable laws of the state of Rhode Island or those rights retained by said town of  
13 Smithfield in its Home Rule Charter.

14           SECTION 2. If any provision of this act, or the application thereof to the town of  
15 Smithfield or to any person or circumstances is deemed invalid for any reason, the remainder of  
16 this act, or the application of such provision to said town of Smithfield or to any person or  
17 circumstances is deemed invalid for any reason, the remainder of this act, or the application of  
18 such provision to said town or other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby, and to

1 this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

2 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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