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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO TAXATION - FIRE DISTRICTS LOCATED IN COVENTRY

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, and Kettle

Date Introduced: January 22, 2015

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 **44-5-2.3. Fire districts located in Coventry - Maximum levy. --** Each fire district
4 located within the town of Coventry, including, but not limited to, Coventry Fire District, Central
5 Coventry Fire District, Hopkins Hill Fire District and Western Coventry Fire District shall be
6 subject to the provisions of § 44-5-2; provided, however that in fiscal year 2015, the maximum
7 levy shall be five and one-half percent (5.5%); in fiscal year 2016, the maximum levy shall be
8 five and one-quarter percent (5.25%); in fiscal year 2017, the maximum levy shall be five percent
9 (5%); in fiscal year 2018, the maximum levy shall be four and three-quarter percent (4.75%); in
10 fiscal year 2019, the maximum levy shall be four and one-half percent (4.5%); and in fiscal year
11 2020, the maximum levy shall be four and one-quarter percent (4.25%). The amount levied by a
12 fire district in Coventry may exceed the percentage increase as specified in this section for the
13 purpose of incurring expenses for a capital expenditure, including, but not limited to, construction
14 of buildings or purchase or lease of fire vehicles.
- 15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would make any tax increases in any of the four (4) fire districts located within
- 2 the town of Coventry subject to the maximum levy sections of the general laws, after a gradual
- 3 six (6) year phase-in within exception for capital expenditures.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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