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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO TAXATION - INTEREST CHARGES ON OVERDUE PROPERTY TAX

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, Jabour, Cote, Metts, and Kettle

Date Introduced: February 25, 2016

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44-5-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and
2 Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **44-5-9. Deductions and penalties to insure prompt payment.** -- Any city or town may
4 provide for a deduction from the tax assessed against any person, if paid by an appointed time, or
5 for the penalties by way of percentage on a tax, if not paid at the time appointed, not exceeding
6 ~~eighteen percent (18%)~~ twelve percent (12%) per annum, as it deems necessary to insure punctual
7 payment; ~~provided, that the city of Cranston may charge a penalty not exceeding twelve percent~~
8 ~~(12%) per annum.~~

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would establish a statewide limit of twelve percent (12%) per year on interest
2 charged by cities and towns on delinquent taxes.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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