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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017**

### AN ACT

# VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Abney, and Mendonca

Date Introduced: January 26, 2017

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. In all respects in which the amendment to the Home Rule charter of the town of Middletown approved and adopted by the electors of the town of Middletown, which amendment was adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Middletown on November 8, 2016, may require ratification, confirmation, validation, or enactment by the general assembly, but in no other respects, the provisions of said amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Middletown are hereby ratified, confirmed, validated and enacted. It is the express intention of the general assembly, by the passage of this act, to give effect to, ratify, confirm, validate and enact those provisions of the said amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Middletown which require ratification, confirmation, validation or enactment and by the passage of this act, the legislature does hereby ratify, confirm, validate and enact said provisions, but nothing in this act shall be construed to abrogate or impair the powers now or hereafter granted to cities and towns by the Home Rule amendment and other applicable laws of the State of Rhode Island or those rights retained by said town of Middletown in its Home Rule Charter.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act, or the application thereof to the town of Middletown or to any person or circumstances is deemed invalid for any reason, the remainder of this act, or the application of such provision to said town or other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

1	SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage
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# **EXPLANATION**

## BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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