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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF  
THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET

Introduced By: Senators Cote, and Picard

Date Introduced: April 12, 2017

Referred To: Senate Housing & 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 city of Woonsocket approved and adopted by the electors of the city of Woonsocket, which  
3 amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the city of Woonsocket on November  
4 8, 2016, may require ratification, confirmation, validation, or enactment by the general assembly,  
5 but in no other respects, the provisions of said amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the city  
6 of Woonsocket are hereby ratified, confirmed, validated and enacted. It is the express intention of  
7 the general assembly, by the passage of this act, to give effect to, ratify, confirm, validate and  
8 enact those provisions of the said amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the city of  
9 Woonsocket which require ratification, confirmation, validation or enactment and by the passage  
10 of this act, the legislature does hereby ratify, confirm, validate and enact said provisions, but  
11 nothing in this act shall be construed to abrogate or impair the powers now or hereafter granted to  
12 cities and towns by the Home Rule amendment and other applicable laws of the State of Rhode  
13 Island or those rights retained by said city of Woonsocket in its Home Rule Charter.

14           SECTION 2. If any provision of this act, or the application thereof to the city of  
15 Woonsocket 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 or other persons or circumstances shall  
17 not be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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

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1           This act would validate and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the city of  
2 Woonsocket, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the city of  
3 Woonsocket on November 8, 2016.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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