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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO TAXATION - COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY

Introduced By: Representatives Cassar, and Knight

Date Introduced: January 23, 2020

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 44-7 of the General Laws entitled "Collection of Taxes Generally"
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **44-7-10.3. Barrington - Non-issuance and/or renewal of licenses or permits to**
4 **applicants or licensees in arrears in local taxes, liens, and assessments in town.**

5 (a) No license or permit issued by the town of Barrington, and required for the operation
6 of a business, shall be issued or renewed to any person or applicant who is in arrears for the
7 payment of any local taxes, liens or other assessments applicable to the operation of the business,
8 unless the matter has been duly appealed in a timely fashion to a court of competent jurisdiction.

9 (b) No demolition or building permit may be issued for new construction and/or the
10 renovation or alteration of an existing structure if the party assessed or property owner is in
11 arrears for the payment of any real property tax, lien, or other town assessment on real property.
12 This prohibition applies only to the real property that is the subject of the building permit
13 application. This section does not apply to construction that serves to abate a pending notice of
14 violation issued by the town of Barrington or any of its officials and/or representatives.

15 (c) Any applicant seeking any license or permit or any renewal of any license or permit
16 must submit verification from the property tax or assessment collection agency of the town that
17 all town taxes, liens, and assessments are paid to date.

18 (d) The licensing or permitting authority has the discretion to issue a license or permit,
19 notwithstanding the forgoing, if the applicant has entered an approved repayment plan for the tax

1 [arrearage and is current on making payments pursuant to that plan or other grounds that the](#)
2 [licensing or permitting authority deems meritorious.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would permit the town of Barrington to deny issuance or renewal of licenses or
- 2 permits for properties on which the taxes and/or assessments are in arrears.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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