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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- COUNCILS AND GOVERNING BODIES

Introduced By: Senators Cano, McKenney, Paolino, Euer, and Miller

Date Introduced: February 27, 2020

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-5 of the General Laws entitled "Councils and Governing Bodies"

2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-5-23. Notice when new license issued.**

4 (a) When a city or town council or licensing authority is scheduled to consider a new
5 business license, the municipality shall issue notice to all other licensed businesses located within
6 five hundred feet (500') of the proposed location of the new business license to be heard.

7 (1) The written notice shall be mailed to the parties within five hundred feet (500') of the
8 new prospective business at least two (2) weeks prior to the hearing. The written notice shall:

9 (i) Indicate the new license which is under consideration;

10 (ii) Specify the place of the hearing and the date and time of its commencement;

11 (iii) Contain all copies of the paperwork submitted to the city or town council or licensing
12 authority or summarize and describe the matter under consideration as long as the intent and effect
13 of the proposed license is expressly written in that notice; and

14 (iv) Advise those interested where and when a copy of the matter under consideration may
15 be obtained or examined and copied.

16 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 require the city or town council or local licensing authority to provide notice
2 to all licensed businesses within five hundred feet (500') of the proposed location of the new
3 business license to be heard.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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