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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

AN ACT

VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL

Introduced By: Senators Felag, Coyne, and Seveney

Date Introduced: April 30, 2021

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. In all respects in which the amendments to the Home Rule charter of the town of Bristol approved and adopted by the electors of the town of Bristol which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Bristol on November 3, 2020, may require ratification, confirmation, validation, or enactment by the general assembly, but in no other respects, the provisions of said amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Bristol 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 amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Bristol 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 Bristol in its Home Rule Charter.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act, or the application thereof to the town of Bristol 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 city 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

OF

AN ACT

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This act would validate and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Bristol, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Bristol on November 3, 2020.

This act would take effect upon passage.