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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, and Abney

Date Introduced: April 28, 2022

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 44-5-76.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and  
2           Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **44-5-76.1. Newport -- Property tax classification -- List of ratable property.**

4           (a) Upon adoption of a system of classification of taxable property by the city of Newport,  
5           all ratable property in the city of Newport shall be classified by the assessor as follows:

6           (1) Class One: all ratable tangible personal property;

7           (2) Class Two: residential real estate with less than four (4) units;

8           (3) Class Three: all commercial and industrial real estate and residential real estate with  
9           four (4) units or more; and

10          (4) Class Four: motor vehicles and trailers subject to the excise tax created by chapter 34  
11          of this title.

12          (b) In lieu of the city of Newport adopting a homestead exemption authorized by  
13          ordinances enacted pursuant to § 44-5-78, the city of Newport may divide the residential real estate  
14          in Class Two of this section, into non-owner occupied and owner occupied properties and adopt  
15          separate tax rates in compliance with the restrictions set forth in § 44-5-76.2. The city of Newport,  
16          by ordinance or resolution, shall provide rules and regulations, including, but not limited to,  
17          governing the division and definition of non-owner and owner occupied properties.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would allow the city of Newport to adopt separate tax rates for non-owner
- 2 occupied and owner occupied residential real estate.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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