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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Corvese, Finkelman, Read, Dawson, Fascia, and
Morales

Date Introduced: March 12, 2025

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-53 of the General Laws entitled "Low and Moderate Income
2 Housing" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-53-14.1. Reporting by municipalities of single-family low- or moderate-income**
4 **housing.**

5 (a) The department of housing ("department"), created pursuant to § 42-64.34-1, in concert
6 with Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation ("corporation"), created pursuant to
7 § 42-55-4, shall maintain:

8 (1) An online database ("database") of rental units and single-family households available
9 for rent or sale that would be considered low- or moderate-income housing.

10 (2) A list of people and their email addresses and/or phone numbers who are interested in
11 renting or purchasing low- or moderate-income housing who have signed up with the department
12 to receive email or text notices of available units for rent or sale.

13 (b) Each municipality within the state shall provide the following information to the
14 department monthly commencing December 31, 2025:

15 (1) Current, updated information on any known inventory of single-family low- or
16 moderate-income housing or rental units in existence and/or under construction and available or
17 soon to be available for purchase or rent; and

18 (2) The contact person or entity and contact information pertaining to properties available
19 for purchase or rent.

1 (c) The department shall provide monthly updates of available housing inventory collected
2 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section to any person registered pursuant to subsection (a)(2) of
3 this section by way of email or text to the email address or phone number registered with the
4 department.

5 (d) Any developer issued a certificate of occupancy by any city or town for property
6 considered low- or moderate-income property and any realtor listing a property for rent or sale that
7 is considered low- or moderate-income property shall provide the location of the property and any
8 additional information the department may require with the department.

9 (e) The department shall provide a report to the speaker of the house and senate president
10 annually by January 31 of the number of single-family low- or moderate-income housing properties
11 and or rentals in existence and under construction, indexed by municipality, for rent or purchase.

12 (f) Notice of available statewide rental units and housing collected pursuant to this section
13 shall be provided monthly to each municipality and municipal housing authority in order to be
14 made available for public observation in electronic or paper form on site.

15 (g) The information required by subsection (b) of this section shall be made available to
16 the public without delay on the department's website by April 2, 2026, and updated monthly
17 thereafter.

18 (h) The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out
19 the provisions of this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require municipalities to report to the Rhode Island department of housing
2 regarding single-family low- or moderate-income housing available to rent or own which
3 information would then be made available to the public on the department's website and emailed
4 to interested parties who have provide their address or phone number to the department.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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