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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND

Introduced By: Senators Thompson, Britto, Bissailon, and Bell

Date Introduced: May 09, 2025

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-23 of the General Laws entitled "Subdivision of Land" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-23-37.1. Subdivision of oversized lots for residential use.**

4 (a) For the purpose of a land development project involving residential or mixed use, an
5 applicant may utilize the administrative subdivision process established under § 45-23-37 to request
6 approval of a proposed subdivision of a lot that is oversized compared to the surrounding
7 neighborhood. The applicant shall be entitled to subdivide the lot based on the median lot area,
8 width, depth, and frontage of direct abutters or the median dimensions of all parcels on a contiguous
9 block, whichever is less for each individual dimension. The applicant may rely on the map of a
10 local tax assessor to determine these dimensions.

11 (b) Each city or town shall amend its local regulations to conform to this section by
12 December 31, 2025.

13 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 allow the applicant for a land development project to utilize the
2 administrative subdivision process established under 45-23-37 to request approval of a proposed
3 subdivision of an oversized lot.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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