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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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

Introduced By: Representatives Costantino, and Santucci

Date Introduced: March 11, 2026

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 **45-53-17. Smithfield emergency moratorium.**

4 (a) If the town of Smithfield, shall at any time have an aggregate of two hundred fifty (250)
5 or more units proposed in a comprehensive permit project or projects, the town of Smithfield may
6 enact an emergency moratorium and not accept or process further applications. No application
7 proposed, offered, submitted or tendered during any moratorium imposed pursuant to the
8 provisions of this section shall have any grandfathered status.

9 (b) The town of Smithfield, upon adoption of any moratorium in accordance with the
10 provisions of subsection (a) of this section, may continue to impose the moratorium until such time
11 as comprehensive permit requirements in § 45-53-4 are amended.

12 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 authorize the town of Smithfield, if an aggregate of two hundred fifty (250)
2 or more units should be proposed in comprehensive permit project(s), to enact an emergency
3 moratorium until the permit requirement of § 45-53-4 are amended.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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