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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ORDINANCES

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Morgan, Newberry, Trillo, and Giarrusso

Date Introduced: January 30, 2013

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-6-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-6 entitled "Ordinances"
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 **45-6-1. Scope of ordinances permissible.** -- (a) Town and city councils may, from time
4 to time, make and ordain all ordinances and regulations for their respective towns and cities, not
5 repugnant to law, which they deem necessary for the safety of their inhabitants from fire,
6 firearms, and fireworks; to prevent persons standing on any footwalk, sidewalk, doorstep, or in
7 any doorway, or riding, driving, fastening, or leaving any horse or other animal or any carriage,
8 team, or other vehicle on any footwalk, sidewalk, doorstep, or doorway within the town or city, to
9 the obstruction, hindrance, delay, disturbance, or annoyance of passersby or of persons residing
10 or doing business in this vicinity; to regulate the putting up and maintenance of telegraph and
11 other wires and their appurtenances; to prevent the indecent exposure of any one bathing in any of
12 the waters within their respective towns and cities; against breakers of the Sabbath; against
13 habitual drunkenness; respecting the purchase and sale of merchandise or commodities within
14 their respective towns and cities; to protect burial grounds and the graves in these burial grounds
15 from trespassers; and, generally, all other ordinances, regulations and bylaws for the well
16 ordering, managing, and directing of the prudential affairs and police of their respective towns
17 and cities, not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state, or of the United States;
18 provided, that no ordinance, regulation or bylaw may be adopted by any city or town that is more
19 restrictive than any regulation established and enforced by the department of environmental

1 [management or by the coastal management resources council, and any such municipal ordinance,](#)
2 [regulation or bylaw inconsistent therewith are hereby declared null and void.](#)

3 (b) Town and city councils shall furnish to their senators and representatives, upon
4 request and at no charge, copies and updates of all ordinances and regulations.

5 (c) In lieu of newspaper publication, advance notice of proposed adoption, amendment,
6 or repeal of any ordinance or regulation by a municipality may be provided via electronic media
7 on a website maintained by the office of the secretary of state.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prohibit cities and towns from enacting ordinances which are more
2 restrictive than regulations established and enforced by the department of environmental
3 management or the coastal resources management council.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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