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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - DISTRICT COURT

Introduced By: Representatives Lombardi, and Hull

Date Introduced: January 06, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8-8-3.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 8-8 entitled "District Court"

2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **8-8-3.1. Equitable powers as to housing matters.**

4 In addition to the powers heretofore exercised, the district court [and any court created by](#)  
5 [municipal ordinance pursuant to §8-8-3\(a\)\(4\)](#) is hereby empowered, in furtherance of its  
6 jurisdiction under § 8-8-3(a)(4), to grant such orders, including temporary restraining orders, and  
7 preliminary and permanent injunctions as justice and equity may require, [including, but not](#)  
8 [limited to, the power to order a building into receivership pursuant to chapter 44 of title 34.](#)

9 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 grant district courts and certain municipal courts created by §8-8-3(a)(4)  
2 the power to issue restraining orders and permanent injunctions in housing matters, and would  
3 include the power to order a building into receivership.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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