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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023**

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RELATING TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF RICHMOND

Introduced By: Representatives Cotter, Spears, and Speakman

Date Introduced: January 12, 2023

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. In all respects in which the Home Rule Charter adopted by the electors of the  
2 Town of Richmond on November 4, 2008, as amended, including the amendments adopted by the  
3 electors of the Town of Richmond on November 8, 2022, may require ratification, confirmation,  
4 validation or enactment by the General Assembly, but in no other respects, the provisions of the  
5 Home Rule Charter of the Town of Richmond are hereby ratified, confirmed, validated and enacted.  
6 It is the express intent of the General Assembly by the passage of this Act to give effect and to  
7 ratify, confirm, validate and enact those provisions of the said Home Rule Charter of the Town of  
8 Richmond that require ratification, confirmation, validation or enactment, and by the passage of  
9 this Act, the General Assembly does hereby ratify, confirm, validate and enact said Home Rule  
10 Charter, but nothing in this Act shall be construed to abrogate or impair the powers now or hereafter  
11 granted to the towns by Article XIII of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island or those rights  
12 retained by said Town of Richmond.

13           SECTION 2. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to the Home Rule  
14 Charter of the Town of Richmond or to any person or circumstances is deemed invalid for any  
15 reason, the remainder of this Act or the application thereof shall not be affected thereby, and to this  
16 end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would validate and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of  
2 Richmond, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the Town of  
3 Richmond on November 4, 2008 and November 8, 2022.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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