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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CITIES OF PROVIDENCE AND WARWICK AND
THE TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH--SALES TAX ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Introduced By: Representative Linda D.Finn

Date Introduced: February 26, 2014

Referred To: House Finance

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **45-2-3.4. Municipal sales tax on medical marijuana.** – The cities of Providence and
4 Warwick, and the town of Portsmouth are hereby authorized and permitted to enact ordinances
5 providing for a sales tax of three percent (3%) on the sale of any medical marijuana sold in the
6 municipalities. The proceeds from the sales tax in Providence shall be annually appropriated to
7 the CODAC Providence Treatment Center, from sales in Warwick to the Kent County Substance
8 Abuse Program, and in Portsmouth to the Portsmouth Prevention Coalition. The funds shall be
9 used to provide effective environmental strategies directed at reducing adolescent use of
10 marijuana and other adolescent substance abuse.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize the cities of Providence and Warwick, and the town of
2 Portsmouth to enact ordinances providing for a tax of three percent (3%) on the sale of medical
3 marijuana. The funds would be used for substance abuse prevention.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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