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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES

Introduced By: Representative Scott Slater

Date Introduced: April 25, 2024

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-6-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-6 entitled "Ordinances" is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **45-6-2. Imposition of penalties for ordinance violations.**

4 Town and city councils may impose penalties for the violation of ordinances and
5 regulations, not exceeding in amount ~~five hundred dollars (\$500)~~ one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or
6 imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days in some jail or house of correction, and/or require
7 restitution in cases involving property damage or personal injury in an amount up to twenty-five
8 hundred dollars (\$2,500) and/or require community restitution for a not-for-profit entity for not
9 more than fifty (50) hours for any one offense, to be prosecuted by some officer appointed for that
10 purpose, and to be recovered to the use of the town or city, or of the person or persons, and in the
11 proportions, that the councils in their ordinances and regulations designate.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow town and city councils to impose penalties for the violation of
2 ordinances and regulations not exceeding the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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