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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE ARCHIVES

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Metts, Doyle, and McCaffrey

Date Introduced: February 09, 2011

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-8.1-20 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-8.1 entitled "State
2 Archives" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-8.1-20. Rhode Island Historical Records Trust established.** -- (a) There is hereby
4 established a special fund to be known as the Rhode Island Historical Records Trust (hereinafter
5 called Trust).

6 (b) There is hereby imposed an additional assessment of four dollars (\$4.00) for every
7 instrument filed for recording pursuant to sections 33-22-21, and 34-13-7 and 34-13-8.

8 (c) On the first of every month, the municipal clerk shall transmit to the state archives
9 three dollars (\$3.00) of the additional assessment collected under subsection (b) of this section for
10 deposit in the Rhode Island Historical Records Trust. The remaining one dollar (\$1.00) of each
11 such additional assessment shall remain with the local government and be deposited in a local
12 Historical Records Trust.

13 (d) All monies retained by a local government shall be placed in a Historical Record
14 Trust Fund maintained by the local government. The expenditure of these monies shall be
15 restricted solely to the preservation of public records of historical value maintained by the
16 municipal clerk or by a municipal archives.

17 (e) Use of these funds by the state archives shall be for the development and ongoing
18 maintenance of a full-time local government records management program component and the
19 state archives and records program. Such program shall be responsible for providing aid, advice,

1 and assistance to all local governments of this State concerning the proper management and
2 preservation of the public records in their custody or care, as required by other provisions of
3 statute. Funds shall be expended to support administrative and other costs associated with the
4 provision of consultative and technical services including, but not limited to, educational
5 programming, micrographics services, and ongoing storage and preservation of local government
6 records.

7 (f) All monies received by the General Treasurer and other moneys appropriated or
8 received for the purposes stated in subsection (b) above shall be deposited in a restricted account
9 which shall be administered by the state archives.

10 (g) Each year the state archives shall review and make recommendations on a proposed
11 operational and expenditure plan for the RI Historical Records Trust.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would subject the recording of attachments, executions and mechanics' liens to a
- 2 \$4.00 surcharge for the benefit of the Rhode Island Historical Records Trust.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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