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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT RELATED STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 7-325 of the general
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

4 (c) The clerk of each district created pursuant to this chapter or any
5 provisions of the general statutes or any special act, shall report to the
6 town clerk of each town in which such district is located: (1) If created
7 by approval of a petition pursuant to subsection (a) of this section on
8 or after July 1, 1987, within seven days of such approval; and (2) on or
9 before July 31, 1993, and [annually thereafter for each such district,
10 irrespective of the date of creation] any time the charter or special act
11 of such district is amended. The first report filed after the creation of a
12 district shall include a list of the officers of such district, a copy of the
13 charter or special act of such district and such other information on the
14 organization and the financial status of such district as the Secretary of
15 the Office of Policy and Management may recommend. A copy of the

16 charter or special act of such district shall be included in any
17 subsequent report if such charter or special act was amended after the
18 date of the previous filing. No district, irrespective of the date of
19 creation, created by approval of a petition pursuant to subsection (a) of
20 this section shall exist as a body corporate and politic until the clerk of
21 such district has filed at least one report required by this subsection. If
22 a district is located in more than one town, the report shall be filed by
23 the district clerk with the town clerk of each town in which the district
24 is located.

25 (d) [Any fine imposed on and after July 1, 1992, on a clerk for failure
26 to file a report required pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall
27 be waived.] Not later than October 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, the
28 clerk of each district shall submit a statement to the Secretary of the
29 Office of Policy and Management on a form prescribed by the
30 secretary. Such statement shall include complete information
31 concerning the mill rate and tax levy in the district for the preceding
32 year. Any clerk who neglects to file a true and correct statement shall
33 forfeit one hundred dollars to the state.

34 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 12-81g of the general statutes is
35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
36 *1, 2019*):

37 (1) Effective for the assessment year commencing October 1, [2013]
38 2019, and each assessment year thereafter, any municipality may, upon
39 approval by its legislative body or, in any town in which the legislative
40 body is a town meeting, by the board of selectmen, provide that, in lieu
41 of the additional exemption prescribed under subsection (a) of this
42 section, any person entitled to an exemption from property tax in
43 accordance with subdivision (20) of section 12-81, reflecting any
44 increase made pursuant to the provisions of section 12-62g, who has a
45 disability rating of one hundred per cent, as determined by the United
46 States Department of Veterans Affairs, shall be entitled to an
47 additional exemption from such tax in an amount equal to three times
48 the amount of the exemption provided for such person pursuant to

49 subdivision (20) of section 12-81, provided such person's total adjusted
50 gross income as determined for purposes of the federal income tax,
51 [plus any other income not included in such adjusted income,]
52 excluding veterans' disability payments, individually if unmarried, or
53 jointly with spouse if married, during the calendar year ending
54 immediately preceding the filing of a claim for any such exemption, is
55 not more than twenty-four thousand dollars if such person is married
56 or not more than twenty-one thousand dollars if such person is not
57 married.

58 (2) The provisions of this subsection shall not limit the applicability
59 of the provisions of subsection (a) of this section for persons not
60 eligible for the property tax exemption provided by this subsection.

61 Sec. 3. Section 12-81cc of the general statutes is repealed and the
62 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

63 Any person who has established his or her entitlement to a property
64 tax exemption under [subdivisions] subdivision (19), (20), (22), (23),
65 (24), (25), (26), (28) or (53) of section 12-81 or section 12-81g, as
66 amended by this act, for a particular assessment year shall be issued a
67 certificate as to such entitlement by the tax assessor of the relevant
68 municipality. Such person shall be entitled to such exemption in any
69 municipality in this state for such assessment year provided a copy of
70 such certificate is provided to the tax assessor of any municipality in
71 which such exemption is claimed and further provided such person
72 would otherwise have been eligible for such exemption in such
73 municipality if he or she had filed for such exemption as provided
74 under the general statutes.

75 Sec. 4. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 12-170e of the
76 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
77 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

78 (2) The amounts of income at each level of qualifying income, as
79 provided in the table in subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall be
80 adjusted annually in a uniform manner to reflect the annual inflation

81 adjustment in Social Security income. Each such adjustment of
82 qualifying income shall be determined to the nearest one hundred
83 dollars and shall be applicable in determining the amount of grant
84 allowed under this subsection with respect to charges for rents,
85 electricity, gas, water and fuel actually paid during the preceding
86 calendar year. Each such adjustment of qualifying income shall be
87 prepared by the [Commissioner of Housing] Secretary of the Office of
88 Policy and Management in relation to the annual inflation adjustment
89 in Social Security, if any, becoming effective at any time during the
90 twelve-month period immediately preceding the first day of October
91 each year and shall be distributed to the assessors in each municipality
92 not later than the thirty-first day of December next following.

93 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 12-170f of the general statutes is
94 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
95 *1, 2019*):

96 (a) Any renter, believing himself or herself to be entitled to a grant
97 under section 12-170d for any calendar year, shall apply for such grant
98 to the assessor of the municipality in which the renter resides or to the
99 duly authorized agent of such assessor or municipality on or after
100 April first and not later than October first of each year with respect to
101 such grant for the calendar year preceding each such year, on a form
102 prescribed and furnished by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
103 Management to the assessor. [A renter may apply to the secretary prior
104 to December fifteenth of the claim year for an extension of the
105 application period. The secretary may grant such extension in the case
106 of extenuating circumstance due to illness or incapacitation as
107 evidenced by a certificate signed by a physician or an advanced
108 practice registered nurse to that extent, or if the secretary determines
109 there is good cause for doing so.] A renter making such application
110 shall present to such assessor or agent, in substantiation of the renter's
111 application, a copy of the renter's federal income tax return, and if not
112 required to file a federal income tax return, such other evidence of
113 qualifying income, receipts for money received, or cancelled checks, or
114 copies thereof, and any other evidence the assessor or such agent may

115 require. When the assessor or agent is satisfied that the applying renter
116 is entitled to a grant, such assessor or agent shall issue a certificate of
117 grant in such form as the secretary may prescribe and supply showing
118 the amount of the grant due.

119 Sec. 6. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 16a-31 of the general
120 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
121 (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

122 (a) The following actions when undertaken by any state agency,
123 with state or federal funds, shall be consistent with the plan:

124 (1) The acquisition of real property when the acquisition costs are in
125 excess of two hundred thousand dollars;

126 (2) The development or improvement of real property when the
127 development costs are in excess of two hundred thousand dollars;

128 (3) The acquisition of public transportation equipment or facilities
129 when the acquisition costs are in excess of two hundred thousand
130 dollars; and

131 (4) The authorization of each state grant, any application for which
132 is not pending on July 1, 1991, for an amount in excess of two hundred
133 thousand dollars, for the acquisition or development or improvement
134 of real property or for the acquisition of public transportation
135 equipment or facilities.

136 (b) [A] Whenever an action described in subsection (a) of this
137 section is undertaken, and such action is subject to the public scoping
138 process described in section 22a-1b, the sponsoring state agency shall
139 request, and the secretary shall provide, an advisory statement
140 commenting on the extent to which [any of the actions specified in
141 subsection (a) of this section] such action conforms to the plan. [and
142 any] Any agency may request and the secretary shall provide such
143 other advisory reports as the state agency deems advisable.

144 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 19a-308 of the general statutes is

145 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
146 *1, 2019*):

147 (a) In any town in which there is a burial ground or cemetery
148 containing more than six places of interment [and not under the
149 control or management of any currently functioning cemetery
150 association,] that has been neglected and allowed to grow up to weeds,
151 briars and bushes, or about which the fences have become broken,
152 decayed or dilapidated, the selectmen of such town may cause such
153 burial ground or cemetery to be cleared of weeds, briars and bushes,
154 may mow the ground's lawn areas and may cause its fences or walls to
155 be repaired and kept in orderly and decent condition and its memorial
156 stones to be straightened.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 7-325(c) and (d) |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 12-81g(b) |
| Sec. 3 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 12-81cc |
| Sec. 4 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 12-170e(a)(2) |
| Sec. 5 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 12-170f(a) |
| Sec. 6 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 16a-31(a) and (b) |
| Sec. 7 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 19a-308(a) |

Statement of Purpose:

To implement minor and technical changes to the statutes of the Office of Policy and Management.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]