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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2008

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RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ADVERSE POSSESSION

Introduced By: Representatives Story, and Gemma

Date Introduced: February 12, 2008

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 34-7 of the General Laws entitled "By Possession and Prescription"

2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **34-7-7.1. Adverse possession under claim and color of title – Payment of taxes. –**

4 Every person in actual, open, hostile and notorious possession of land or tenements under claim

5 and color of title made in good faith, and who shall for fifteen (15) successive years continue to

6 be in possession, and shall also during which time pay all taxes legally assessed on the land or

7 tenements, and shall be held and adjudged to be the legal owner of the lands or tenements, to the

8 extent, and according to the purport of his or her title. All persons holding under this possession,

9 by purchase, devise or descent, before said fifteen (15) years shall have elapsed, and who shall

10 continue such possession and continue to pay the taxes as aforesaid; so as to complete the

11 possession and payment of taxes for the term aforesaid, shall be entitled to the benefit of this

12 section.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would allow one who has been in open notorious, hostile possession of land for
2 fifteen (15) successive years and who also during said time has paid all taxes assessed on such
3 land to be the legalowner of such land.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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