

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 258

Approved May 11, 2001

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RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council  
hereby endorse and urge Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill  
2001-S 0741 and House Bill 2001-H 5802 Relating to Indebtedness of  
Towns and Cities-- Pension Fund Refinancing Bonds, in substantially the  
form attached.

CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 11, 2001  
READ AND PASSED

*Balharad Young*  
PRES., Acting  
*Michael R. Clement*  
CLERK

APPROVED

MAY 11 2001  
*Donald C. Crum*  
MAYOR

READ AND PASSED  
MICHAEL CONNOR

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STATE LEGISLATION

Michael R. Connor CLERK  
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THE COMMITTEE ON  
State Legislation  
Recommends Approval  
Claire B. Smith  
may 2, 2001

(By request)

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2001

01-S 0741

A N A C T

RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES--  
PENSION FUND REFINANCING BONDS

01-S 0741

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Roney, Walton, Kells and  
Goodwin

Date Introduced: February 14, 2001

Referred To: Senate Committee on Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1           SECTION 1. Chapter 45-12 of the General Laws entitled "Indebtedness of Towns and  
2       Cities" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3           45-12-5.4. Issuance of pension fund refinancing -- Bonds. -- Any city or town which  
4       has a cumulative unfunded pension liability of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or more may  
5       issue pension fund refinancing bonds in order to fund all or part of its unfunded pension liability  
6       and the costs of issuing the pension fund refinancing bonds including capitalized interest, if any.  
7       Approval of the local legislative body shall be required to issue bonds under this section. No  
8       bonds shall be issued under this section, however, unless the proceedings authorizing the pension  
9       fund refinancing bonds incorporate specific findings to the effect that the refinancing will result  
10      in a financial benefit to the municipality, including projected present value savings verified by a  
11      certified public accountant. The unfunded liability must be certified by an actuarial study  
12      completed no more than twelve (12) months prior to the date of the refinancing. The projected  
13      interest cost, including the cost of insurance, if any, must be at least one and one quarter percent  
14      (1.25%) lower than the city or town's current actuarial rate of return. The proceedings  
15      authorizing the issue of pension fund refinancing bonds shall contain a general description of the  
16      unfunded liability being refinanced, the actuarial assumptions and the maximum bond issue size.  
17      Upon approval by the local legislative body, the refinancing plan shall be submitted to the state  
18      office of the auditor general for administrative review of assumptions and projected savings.

# 01-S 0741

1 Notwithstanding any provision of any municipal charter to the contrary, pension fund refinancing  
2 bonds may be sold at public or private sale, and may provide for annual or more frequent equal,  
3 diminishing or increasing installment of principal and deferral of the first installment of principal.  
4 Pension fund refinancing bonds shall have a maximum maturity no later than thirty-eight (38)  
5 years from the dated date and in no case, no later than the completion year of the city or town's  
6 current actuarial funding plan. The proceeds of pension fund refinancing bonds, exclusive of any  
7 premium and accrued interest and cost of issuance, shall be deposited to the city or town's  
8 retirement fund to be invested in permitted investments of the retirement system. Any  
9 borrowings under this section shall be exempt from the municipality's debt limit.

10 After the issuance of pension refinancing bonds, any future increase in the city or town's  
11 unfunded liability arising from benefit changes shall be amortized annually by the city or town on  
12 an actuarial basis.

13 The powers conferred by this section are in addition to and not in substitution for, or in  
14 diminution of, any other powers conferred on municipalities in this state. Pension fund  
15 refinancing bonds may be issued under this section without obtaining approval of the electors  
16 thereof, notwithstanding the provisions of sections 45-12-19 and 45-12-20 and notwithstanding  
17 any charter provision of any municipal charter to the contrary, unless the electors when  
18 assembled in a meeting are the local legislative body for the purpose of authorizing indebtedness  
19 of the political subdivision.

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

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## EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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A N A C T

RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES--  
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1 This act allows municipalities to issue pension fund refinancing bonds to fund unfunded  
2 pension liability.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

01-H 5802

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2001

A N A C T

RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES--  
PENSION FUND REFINANCING BONDS

2001-H 5802

Introduced By: Reps. Moura, Almeida, Lima, Williams and  
Tejada

Date Introduced: February 6, 2001

Referred To: Committee on Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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13   interest cost, including the cost of insurance, if any, must be at least one and one quarter percent  
14   (1.25%) lower than the city or town's current actuarial rate of return. The proceedings  
15   authorizing the issue of pension fund refinancing bonds shall contain a general description of the  
16   unfunded liability being refinanced, the actuarial assumptions and the maximum bond issue size.  
17   Upon approval by the local legislative body, the refinancing plan shall be submitted to the state  
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# 01-H 5802

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