

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
HOUSE BILL 2023 – H 5788
AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT
TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS the State hotel tax distribution formula currently provides funds based on a community's location in a particular geographic area; and

WHEREAS House Bill 2023 H 5788 would revise the distribution formulas for each geographic district in the State, essentially increasing retainage of taxes paid within each geographic district; and

WHEREAS the Town of Charlestown, pursuant to the relevant requirements of the RI General Laws at 42-63.1-5 is located in the South County tourism district; and

WHEREAS House Bill 2023 H 5788 provides, in relevant part, modifications to the existing tax distribution formula whereby Charlestown's fund distribution shares would be increased substantially, thus providing the Town with needed additional revenues from tourism activities located in Charlestown; and

WHEREAS these fund distribution modifications will result in Charlestown retaining a five (5) percent tax fund distribution that is presently provided to the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau; and


WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown finds that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the people and visitors to Rhode Island and the Town of Charlestown to support a tourism tax fund distribution program that is both fair and reasonable to the state and the Town of Charlestown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown hereby requests that the General Assembly act favorably and pass House Bill 2023 H 5788; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to provide a copy of this resolution to the Town of Charlestown's representatives in the R.I. General Assembly and all 38 cities and towns.

The RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

By resolution of the Charlestown Town Council at a meeting held on March 27, 2023.


Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC Town Clerk

