



**Town of Little Compton**  
**Town Hall**  
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**Little Compton, RI 02837**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON  
 IN SUPPORT OF ENABLING LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING  
 TAX AMNESTY PERIODS FOR MUNICIPALITIES (H5602, SLATER / S879, FELAG)

WHEREAS, Rhode Island currently has the eighth highest property tax burden in the country; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact from the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be felt by residents throughout the state, in many cases causing taxpayers to fall behind in the tangible and motor vehicle taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns conducted a survey of all 39 members to develop legislative priorities for the 2023 session of the Rhode Island General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws currently prohibit any municipality from offering a tax amnesty period to waive interest on past due taxes; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the majority of the Little Compton Town Council that these amnesty periods for accrued interest on past due motor vehicle and tangible taxes may provide the necessary relief and incentive for past due taxpayers to become current on their taxes while simultaneously increasing the cash resources for the Town of Little Compton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Compton Town Council supports legislation that would, upon a concurrent and duly enacted ordinance, authorize municipalities to offer tax amnesty periods in Fiscal Year 2024 or Fiscal Year 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Little Compton Town Council ask the General Assembly to approve House Bill 5602 and Senate Bill 879.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the clerks of all cities and towns in Rhode Island, and to Little Compton's members of the RI General Assembly, The Speaker of the RI House of Representatives, President of the RI Senate, and the Governor of the State of RI.

Passed as a resolution of the Town of Little Compton Town Council this 4th day of May, 2023.

Robert L. Mushen  
 Council President, Little Compton Town Council

ATTEST:   
 Heather J. Cook, Deputy Town Clerk

