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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Place, and Fascia

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 32-1 of the General Laws entitled "General Provisions" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **32-1-23. Taking of mushrooms from state parks, recreational areas, and forests**
4 **permitted.**

5 (a) The director of the department of environmental management ("director") shall
6 promulgate, adopt, and enforce any and all rules and regulations deemed necessary to authorize
7 any person to take mushrooms from any lands under the control of the director, provided such
8 taking is for personal use only. The state shall have no liability to any person or the heirs or assigns
9 of any such person who engages in the taking of mushrooms from any lands under the control of
10 the director.

11 (b) Pursuant to the rules and regulations promulgated in accordance with the provisions of
12 subsection (a) of this section, any person lawfully using or present on the premises of any state
13 park, recreational area, forest or public land under the control or management of the director, may
14 collect and harvest wild mushrooms found growing thereon for personal use.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide for the authorized taking of mushrooms from lands under control
- 2 of the DEM for personal use.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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