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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO AERONAUTICS - PERMANENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING ACT  
COMPLIANCE

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Bennett, Solomon, and Vella-Wilkinson

Date Introduced: February 24, 2021

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1-7-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 1-7 entitled "The Permanent  
2 Air Quality Monitoring Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **1-7-9. Monitoring actions required and compliance -- Sunset provision.**

4 (a) On or before January 31, 2017, and on or before January 31, 2018, and January 31,  
5 2019, thereafter, the department of environmental management, the department of health, and the  
6 attorney general shall submit to the governor, the speaker of the house, and the president of the  
7 senate, recommendations as to the continuation of the air monitoring required in this act.

8 (b) Unless extended by the general assembly, the corporation's obligation to operate and  
9 maintain the air monitoring system will cease on July 31, ~~2021~~ 2022; provided, this sunset date  
10 shall be dependent upon the corporation undertaking and completing the following actions prior to  
11 July 31, ~~2021~~ 2022:

12 (1) As part of the long-term air-quality monitoring program, ambient air-quality monitors  
13 shall be set up in a network that shall include at least four (4) monitoring sites in the area of and  
14 surrounding T.F. Green Airport. These monitors shall be designed, placed, and maintained so as to  
15 measure air-quality impacts from airport operations, including those impacts associated with planes  
16 operating on the extended runway and on neighborhoods adjacent to the airport facility, and at the  
17 Winslow Park playing fields. In addition to the quarterly summary reports prepared by the  
18 corporation based on this data, the corporation shall compile at least twenty (20) months of

1 complete air quality monitoring data from these monitors and submit that data to the department of  
2 health prior to May 1, ~~2021~~ [2022](#), pursuant to § 1-7-6; and

3 (2) The corporation shall comply with all other reporting and publishing requirements set  
4 forth in this chapter.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would extend the air quality monitoring requirements by one year, from July 31,  
2   2021 to July 31, 2022 and extend the air quality monitoring data submission deadline by to the  
3   department of health by one year, from May 31, 2021 to May 31, 2022.  
4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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