

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH
WATER SUPPLIERS

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: March 01, 2022

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 45 of the General Laws entitled "Towns and Cities" is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 70

4 MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH WATER SUPPLIERS

5 **45-70-1. Definitions.**

6 For purposes of this chapter:

7 (1) "Water supplier(s)" means any city, town, district, or other municipal, quasi-municipal,
8 or public or private corporation or company engaged in the sale of potable water and the water
9 supply business in Rhode Island.

10 **45-70-2. Municipal partnerships with local water suppliers.**

11 Municipalities shall cooperate with, and forge partnerships with, water suppliers, within
12 their jurisdiction that assist or enable water suppliers to maintain, improve, backup and safeguard
13 their water supply.

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

EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require municipalities to cooperate and forge partnerships with water
2 suppliers, within their jurisdiction, that assist or enable water suppliers to maintain, improve,
3 backup and safeguard their water supply.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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