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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY

Introduced By: Representatives Solomon, Donovan, Boylan, Speakman, Cortvriend,
Knight, and Edwards

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 24-12 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Turnpike and
2 Bridge Authority" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **24-12-60. Safety barrier on bridges.**

4 The Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority (RITBA) is hereby directed to design a
5 safety barrier and/or safety netting on the Mount Hope Bridge, the Claiborne Pell Bridge, and the
6 Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge (the "bridges"). The process shall be implemented as follows:

7 (1) RITBA shall submit the design of the safety barrier and/or safety netting for the bridges
8 to the house finance committee and the senate finance committee on or before January 1, 2025.

9 (2) RITBA shall issue a request for proposals for the safety barrier and/or safety netting on
10 or before April 30, 2025.

11 (3) Proposals shall be reviewed and accepted by RITBA, and construction and installation
12 of the safety barrier and/or safety netting shall commence on the bridges, no later than August 1,
13 2025.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would direct the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority (RITBA) to design a
2 safety barrier or netting system on the Mount Hope Bridge, the Claiborne Pell Bridge, and the
3 Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge. The act includes several deadlines to ensure construction
4 commences no later than August 1, 2025.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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