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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FOREST FIRES AND PREVENTION

Introduced By: Representatives Cotter, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Carson, Fenton-Fung,
Casimiro, Edwards, Chippendale, Speakman, and McEntee
Date Introduced: February 28, 2024

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 2-12 of the General Laws entitled "Forest Fires and Prevention" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **2-12-22. Coordination with local fire departments.**

4 The department shall, to the greatest extent practicable, coordinate with appropriate local
5 fire departments to assess conditions at state properties directly managed by the department relating
6 to forest fire prevention and response. Conditions to be assessed include, but are not limited to,
7 egress to and from the property, the capacity of fire roads to support emergency equipment, and
8 access to water supplies within the property.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require DEM, when practicable, to coordinate with local fire departments
- 2 to assess fire prevention at certain state properties managed by the department.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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