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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE

Introduced By: Representatives Walsh, Tanzi, and Serpa

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-27.3-108.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-27.3 entitled  
2 "State Building Code" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-27.3-108.2. State building commissioner's duties. --** (a) This code shall be enforced  
4 by the state building commissioner as to any structures or buildings or parts thereof that are  
5 owned or are temporarily or permanently under the jurisdiction of the state or any of its  
6 departments, commissions, agencies, or authorities established by an act of the general assembly,  
7 and as to any structures or buildings or parts thereof that are built upon any land owned by or  
8 under the jurisdiction of the state.

9 (b) Permit fees for the projects shall be established by the committee. The fees shall be  
10 deposited ~~as general revenues~~ [into a restricted receipt account](#).

11 (c)(1) The local cities and towns shall charge each permit applicant an additional .1 (.001)  
12 percent (levy) of the total construction cost for each permit issued. The levy shall be limited to a  
13 maximum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each of the permits issued for one and two (2) family  
14 dwellings. This additional levy shall be transmitted monthly to the building commission at the  
15 department of administration, and shall be used to staff and support the [purchase and operation of](#)  
16 [a web-accessible software system to be utilized by the state and municipalities for a uniform,](#)  
17 [statewide electronic plan review, permit management and inspection system and other](#) programs  
18 described in this chapter. The fee levy shall be deposited ~~as general revenues~~ [into a restricted](#)  
19 [receipt account to be used to enforce the provisions of this chapter](#).

1           (2) On or before March 1, 2013, the building commissioner shall utilize funds collected  
2 pursuant to subdivision (c)(1) of this subsection for the purchase of a web-accessible software  
3 system for uniform, statewide electronic plan review, permit management and inspection system;  
4 and shall thereafter expend such funds collected pursuant to subdivision (c) (1) for the continuous  
5 maintenance and operation of such a web-accessible system.

6           (d) The building commissioner shall, upon request by any state contractor described in  
7 section 37-2-38.1, review, and when all conditions for certification have been met, certify to the  
8 state controller that the payment conditions contained in section 37-2-38.1 have been met.

9           (e) On or before December 1, 2012, the building commissioner shall submit a report to  
10 the governor and the general assembly regarding the commissioner's progress in establishing a  
11 web-accessible software system as described in subdivision (c)(2). On or before October 1, 2013,  
12 the building commissioner shall submit a report to the governor and general assembly providing  
13 the status of the web-accessible software system implementation, the balance of funding in the  
14 restricted receipt account pursuant to subdivision (c)(1), and any recommendations for system  
15 improvement.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would establish a restricted receipt account for the purpose of funding the  
2 purchase and operation of a web-accessible software system to be utilized by the state and  
3 municipalities for a uniform, statewide electronic plan review, permit management and inspection  
4 system.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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