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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Introduced By: Senator Leonidas P. Raptakis

Date Introduced: February 13, 2013

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 30-15 of the General Laws entitled "Emergency Management" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **30-15-13.1. Waiver of local requirements for electrical permits during state and/or**
4 **local disaster emergency declarations. -- (a) Whenever a declaration of a state of emergency or**
5 **state of disaster emergency by the governor pursuant to section 30-15-9 of this chapter and/or**
6 **similar declarations issued by the chief executive officer of any city or town pursuant to sections**
7 **30-15-12 and 30-15-13 of this chapter occurs, the rules, regulations and ordinances of any city or**
8 **town relating to the need for electrical permits and/or inspections shall be waived during the**
9 **duration of same for any damage relating to the interruption of electrical service for any home**
10 **and/or commercial building requiring reconnection to electrical service at the electric meter or**
11 **any electrical repairs within said structure performed by a licensed electrician.**

12 **(b) Upon the termination of any state and/or local disaster emergency declaration, the**
13 **owner of any home and/or commercial building where electrical work was performed as**
14 **permitted by subsection (a) shall notify the electrical inspector of said city or town of the nature**
15 **and extent of same along with the name, address and telephone number of the licensed electrician**
16 **performing said work within twenty (20) days.**

17 **(c) This section shall not prevent the electrical inspector of any city or town from**
18 **inspecting any electrical work undertaken during the waiver period and/or requiring that the**
19 **electrical work conform to any rules, regulations or ordinances in effect prior to the**

1 commencement of the waiver period.

2 (d) This section does not authorize the performance of any electrical work necessary to
3 reconnect the home or commercial building to the transmission lines owned and/or operated by
4 the utility company providing electrical service locally unless performed by a duly authorized
5 employee of said utility other than the electrical work authorized in subsection (a).

6 (e) Any violation of the reporting requirements contained in subsection (b) shall be
7 punishable according to the appropriate rules, regulations or ordinances of the municipality that
8 would have been applicable if the waiver created herein had never applied.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would create a waiver of any municipal rules, regulations or ordinances requiring
2 the issuance of an electrical permit for and/or inspection of electrical work resulting from the
3 interruption of electrical service during a state or local declaration of a state of emergency or
4 disaster. The waiver would apply to any electrical work needed to reattach electrical wires to the
5 electrical meter and/or performed within the structure by a licensed electrician, not including
6 electrical work needed to reattach the structure to the public utilities' transmission lines.

7 This act would take effect upon passage.

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