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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, DiPalma, Lynch, Crowley, and Paiva Weed

Date Introduced: March 13, 2013

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-27.3 of the General Laws entitled "State Building Code" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-27.3-108.2.4. Municipal advisory council on statewide permitting. -- (a) There is**
4 **created and established a "municipal advisory council on statewide permitting," hereinafter**
5 **referred to as the "council."**

6 **(b) The advisory council shall be composed of five (5) members appointed to the council**
7 **by the governor. Each member of the council shall be an appointed or elected official of a Rhode**
8 **Island city or town. The Rhode Island league of cities and towns may submit names for**
9 **consideration for appointment. The governor shall select the chairperson. A member shall serve**
10 **until his or her successor is appointed by the governor. Members shall receive no compensation**
11 **for their services.**

12 **(c) The advisory council shall develop specific and comprehensive recommendations for**
13 **a statewide process for electronic plan review, permit management, and inspection as required**
14 **under subsections 23-27.3-108.2(c)(2), (3) and (e) and to encourage full participation in such a**
15 **statewide process from every city and town in the state of Rhode Island. In addition, the council**
16 **shall serve in an advisory capacity to the state building commissioner, state fire marshal and the**
17 **office of regulatory reform within the department of administration.**

18 **(d) In furtherance of the purposes described in subsection (c), the council shall provide a**
19 **report to the governor, the general assembly, and the building commissioner listing the number of**

1 cities and towns participating in the state's efforts to improve e-permitting processes, the number
2 of cities and towns not yet participating, and recommendations for increasing participation in the
3 state's efforts to improve e-permitting processes. The report shall be provided beginning July 1,
4 2013, and at every three (3) month interval thereafter until the establishment of a statewide
5 process as required under subsections 23-27.3-108.2(c)(2), (3) and (e) is completed.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would establish a municipal advisory council on statewide permitting which
2 would be composed of five (5) members appointed by the governor. Each member of the council
3 would be an appointed or elected official of a Rhode Island city or town. The purpose of the
4 council would be to develop recommendations to establish a statewide process for electronic plan
5 review, encourage full participation of each city and town in the state and then until a statewide
6 process is established, review which towns and cities are participating and which are not every
7 three (3) months.

8 This act would take effect upon passage.

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