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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON STATEWIDE  
PERMITTING**

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: July 02, 2013

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island must continue its effort to improve the business  
2 climate and allow the use of technology to reduce the costs of government and improve  
3 efficiency; and

4           WHEREAS, It is essential to fully engage cities and towns in the process of statewide  
5 permitting and inspections to establish a unified system and improve the manner in which the  
6 state connects with businesses and municipalities; and

7           WHEREAS, In the budget for fiscal year 2013, \$300,000 in general revenue funds were  
8 allocated to fund consultant services required to gather information pertaining to the State's and  
9 municipalities' building plans, permit management, and building inspection methods. The Office  
10 of the Building Commissioner, in conjunction with the State Fire Marshal and the Office of  
11 Regulatory Reform, were instructed to use this information to develop criteria for an online  
12 building permits system; and

13           WHEREAS, Municipal and state officials, builders, businesses, and, ultimately, the  
14 citizens of the State of Rhode Island, will be better and more efficiently served by the  
15 coordination and uniformity of a statewide permitting system; now, therefore be it

16           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
17 respectfully requests that the director of the department of administration create and establish a  
18 "municipal advisory council on statewide permitting" (hereinafter "Council") consisting of five  
19 (5) members. Each member shall be an appointed or elected official of a Rhode Island city or

1 town; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate directs the advisory Council to develop specific and  
3 comprehensive recommendations for a statewide process for electronic plan review, permit  
4 management, and inspection as required under subsections 23-27.3-108.2(c)(2), (3) and (e) of the  
5 Rhode Island General Laws, and to encourage full participation in such a statewide process from  
6 every city and town in the state of Rhode Island; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate directs the council to advise and make recommendations  
8 on increasing municipal participation in the state's efforts to improve e-permitting processes; and  
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the director of the department of  
12 administration.

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