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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HISTORICAL AREA ZONING

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, O`Grady, and Handy

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-24.1-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-24.1 entitled  
2 "Historical Area Zoning" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **45-24.1-8. Exceptions to applicability of chapter.** -- (a) Nothing in this chapter shall be  
4 construed to prevent ordinary maintenance or repair of any structure within the historic district;  
5 provided, that any maintenance or repair does not result in any change of design, type of material,  
6 or appearance of the structure or its appurtenances.

7 (b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the installation or maintenance of  
8 any facility, including without limitation wiring, conduits, piping or appliances for solar or wind  
9 power, necessary or convenient to the provision of a modern energy supply to any structure;

10 (c) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the construction, alteration,  
11 repair, moving, or demolition of any structure under a permit issued by the building official prior  
12 to the passage of an ordinance.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1 This act would facilitate the use of solar and wind power in historic districts.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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