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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS

Introduced By: Representatives Morgan, Quattrocchi, Filippi, Roberts, and Giarrusso

Date Introduced: May 10, 2017

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 24-5-1.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 24-5 entitled
2 "Maintenance of Town Highways" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **24-5-1.1. Alteration of roadways.**

4 (a) Any person, firm, or corporation including, without limitation, utilities and
5 contractors who ~~alter~~ alters a roadway that is subject to the provisions of this chapter shall restore
6 that portion of the roadway which was altered to the same or better condition than that ~~existed~~
7 existing prior to alteration.

8 (b) Restoration of any altered roadway shall commence immediately after the completion
9 of the alteration, and shall include, if necessary, temporary or intermediate restoration on an
10 ongoing basis to keep the roadway smooth and bump free until the permanent restoration can be
11 completed.

12 (c) Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall result in a fine imposed by
13 the city or town in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) per day for each day that the person,
14 firm or corporation fails to comply.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that any altered roadway be restored to the same or better
2 condition that existed prior to the alteration, immediately after the completion of the alteration,
3 including interim measures as needed on an ongoing basis and would provide a daily penalty of
4 five hundred dollars (\$500) for failure to comply.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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