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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Introduced By: Senator Louis P. DiPalma

Date Introduced: April 12, 2017

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 23-27.3-118.0 and 23-27.3-119.0 of the General Laws in Chapter  
2 23-27.3 entitled "State Building Code" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-27.3-118.0. Fees.**

4 No permit shall be issued for new construction, alteration, removal, demolition, or other  
5 building operation until the fees prescribed [by municipal ordinance](#) in accordance with § 23-27.3-  
6 119.0 shall have been paid to the city or town collector or other municipal agency authorized to  
7 collect the fees.

8 **23-27.3-119.0. Fee computation.**

9 ~~The building commissioner shall collect information on types and amounts of municipal~~  
10 ~~fees set forth in §§ 23-27.3-118 and 23-27.3-118.1 and create a process or formula for~~  
11 ~~establishing statewide permit fees. Said information and a description of the process or formula~~  
12 ~~shall be provided to all municipalities, the League of Cities and Towns, and the general assembly~~  
13 ~~by December 1, 2015. Beginning July 1, 2017, the permit fees assessed by all municipalities shall~~  
14 ~~be computed according to the process and formula either established by, or approved by, the state~~  
15 ~~of Rhode Island building code commission, provided that all fees shall have multipliers that go~~  
16 ~~down as the cost of construction increases in value. [The building permit fees as adopted by a city](#)~~  
17 ~~[or town council shall seek to recover no more than the cost of permitting activities during periods](#)~~  
18 ~~[of normal building activity. Those fees which are based upon value shall have multipliers that go](#)~~  
19 ~~[down as the cost of construction goes up.](#) No fee shall be assessed for the first reinspection of~~

1 work that has failed the initial inspection; provided, a fee shall be allowed for all necessary  
2 subsequent reinspections of the same work.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require that city and town building permit fees recover no more than the
- 2 cost of permitting activities during period of normal building activity.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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