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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE - NEW BUILDINGS
AND STRUCTURES

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Goodwin, and Pearson

Date Introduced: March 21, 2019

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-27.3-111.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-27.3 entitled
2 "State Building Code" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-27.3-111.2. Inspection.**

4 [\(a\)](#) The building official shall make all required inspections as specified in the provisions
5 of this code and the building official shall conduct the inspections from time to time during and
6 upon completion of the work for which the building official has issued a permit; and the building
7 official shall maintain a record of all the examinations and inspections and of all violations of this
8 code. In conjunction with specific construction projects, the building official may designate
9 specific inspection points in the course of construction which require the contractor or builder to
10 give the building official twenty-four (24) hours notice prior to the time when the inspections are
11 required to be performed. The building official shall make the inspection within forty-eight (48)
12 hours after the notification; [weekend days and holidays are not included in the forty-eight \(48\)](#)
13 [hours.](#)

14 [\(b\) If the building official fails to perform an inspection within the time frame set forth in](#)
15 [this section, the contractor or builder may hire a qualified third-party inspector or the state](#)
16 [inspector. In order to hire a qualified third-party inspector or the state inspector, the contractor or](#)
17 [builder shall notify the building official via email of the intent to hire a qualified third-party](#)
18 [inspector or the state inspector to perform the inspection at least twenty-four \(24\) hours prior to](#)

1 [the hire. If the state inspector performs the inspection, the salary and operating expenses for](#)
2 [services provided shall be reimbursed to the state by the city or town receiving the services and](#)
3 [shall be deposited as general revenues.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow a contractor or builder to hire a qualified third-party assistant or
2 state inspector to perform an inspection if a building official fails to perform an inspection within
3 forty-eight (48) hours after notification. There must be notification to the building inspector of
4 intent to do so at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to hire.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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