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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Alzate, Casimiro, Jackson, and Ackerman

Date Introduced: February 26, 2020

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-27.3-108.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-27.3 entitled "State
2 Building Code" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~23-27.3-108.2. State building commissioner's duties. [Effective January 1, 2020.] State~~
4 ~~building commissioner's duties. [Effective January 1, 2020.]~~

5 (a) This code shall be enforced by the state building commissioner as to any structures or
6 buildings or parts thereof that are owned or are temporarily or permanently under the jurisdiction
7 of the state or any of its departments, commissions, agencies, or authorities established by an act
8 of the general assembly, and as to any structures or buildings or parts thereof that are built upon
9 any land owned by or under the jurisdiction of the state.

10 (b) Permit fees for the projects shall be established by the committee. The fees shall be
11 deposited as general revenues.

12 (c)(1) The local cities and towns shall charge each permit applicant an additional ~~.1 (.001)~~
13 percent .2 (.002) levy of the total construction cost for each permit issued. The levy shall be limited
14 to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each of the permits issued for one- and two-family (2)
15 dwellings.

16 ~~This~~ (i) Fifty percent (50%) of this additional levy shall be transmitted monthly to the state
17 building office at the department of business regulation, and shall be used to staff and support the
18 purchase or lease and operation of a web-accessible service and/or system to be utilized by the state
19 and municipalities for uniform, statewide electronic plan review, permit management, and

1 inspection system and other programs described in this chapter. ~~The~~ [This portion of the](#) fee levy
2 shall be deposited as general revenues.

3 [\(ii\) Fifty percent \(50%\) of this additional levy shall be transmitted monthly to the](#)
4 [department of labor and training, shall be deposited into a restricted receipt account, to be used to](#)
5 [provide workforce training program grants for the residential and commercial construction](#)
6 [industries and state and local building officials.](#)

7 (2) On or before July 1, 2013, the building commissioner shall develop a standard
8 statewide process for electronic plan review, permit management, and inspection.

9 (3) On or before December 1, 2013, the building commissioner, with the assistance of the
10 office of regulatory reform, shall implement the standard statewide process for electronic plan
11 review, permit management, and inspection. In addition, the building commissioner shall develop
12 a technology and implementation plan for a standard web-accessible service or system to be utilized
13 by the state and municipalities for uniform, statewide electronic plan review, permit management,
14 and inspection.

15 (d) The building commissioner shall, upon request by any state contractor described in §
16 37-2-38.1, review, and when all conditions for certification have been met, certify to the state
17 controller that the payment conditions contained in § 37-2-38.1 have been met.

18 (e) The building commissioner shall coordinate the development and implementation of
19 this section with the state fire marshal to assist with the implementation of § 23-28.2-6.

20 (f) The building commissioner shall submit, in coordination with the state fire marshal, a
21 report to the governor and general assembly on or before April 1, 2013, and each April 1st
22 thereafter, providing the status of the web-accessible service and/or system implementation and
23 any recommendations for process or system improvement.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would increase the levy on total construction costs that cities and towns may
2 charge for building permits and would direct that fifty percent (50%) of the levy be transmitted
3 monthly to the department of labor and training for workforce training.

4 This act would take effect July 1, 2020.

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