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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Euer, Felag, and Seveney

Date Introduced: January 26, 2021

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 24-12 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Turnpike and  
2 Bridge Authority" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **24-12-60. Safety barrier on bridges.**

4           The department of transportation, in conjunction with the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge  
5 authority, are hereby directed to erect a safety barrier and/or safety netting on the Mount Hope  
6 Bridge, the Claiborne Pell Bridge, and the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge. The safety barrier or  
7 netting shall be in place no later than January 1, 2023.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would provide that the department of transportation, in conjunction with the Rhode  
2 Island turnpike and bridge authority, would erect a safety barrier or safety netting on the Mount  
3 Hope Bridge, the Claiborne Pell Bridge, and the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge. The safety barrier  
4 or netting would be erected on or before January 1, 2023.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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