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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, and Felag

Date Introduced: March 07, 2023

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 to add the following section:

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

4 The Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority (RITBA) is hereby directed to design a
5 safety barrier and/or safety netting on the Mount Hope Bridge, the Claiborne Pell Bridge, and the
6 Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge. The design of the safety barrier or netting shall commence and be
7 reported to the house finance committee and senate finance committee no later than January 1, 2024
8 with construction to commence no later than June 30, 2024.

9 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 mandate the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority (RITBA) to design
2 a safety barrier or netting system on the Mount Hope Bridge, the Claiborne Pell Bridge, and the
3 Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge by January 1, 2024, with construction commencing no later than
4 June 30, 2024.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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