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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Santucci, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Fascia, Bennett, Read, Slater, Chippendale, Newberry, and Paplauskas

Date Introduced: February 28, 2025

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-17.1 of the General Laws entitled "Department of Environmental
2 Management" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-17.1-2.6. Restricted receipt account.**

4 There is hereby established within the general fund of the state a restricted receipt account
5 entitled or to be known as the "environmental law enforcement on federal property and boating
6 accidents account". The account shall be housed within the budget of the department of
7 environmental management and shall be utilized to achieve compliance with federal law for
8 environmental law enforcement on federal property and to respond to boating accidents. Revenue
9 generated from agricultural programs administered by the department shall be deposited in the
10 restricted receipt account established pursuant to the provisions of this section.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 42-17.9 of the General Laws entitled "Preservation of State Open
12 Space" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

13 **42-17.9-7.1. Department of environmental management to maintain list of projects.**

14 (a) The department of environmental management shall develop, identify, maintain and
15 continuously update a list of projects that qualify for forest and open space land conservation
16 funding pursuant to the federal Agricultural Act of 2014, P.L. 113-79 (2014), the federal
17 Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, P.L. 115-334 (2018) and the federal 2022 Inflation
18 Reduction Act, P.L. 117-169.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the department of environmental management to develop, identify,
2 maintain and update a list of projects that qualify for forest and open space land conservation
3 funding pursuant to federal laws. The act would also require the establishment of a restricted receipt
4 account for the revenue generated for the agricultural programs administered by the department.
5 The fund would be used to achieve compliance with federal law for environmental law enforcement
6 on federal property and for boating accidents.

7 This act would take effect upon passage.

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