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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, McKiernan, Trillo, Lima, and Edwards

Date Introduced: February 25, 2015

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 23-27.3-118.0, 23-27.3-118.1 and 23-27.3-119.0 of the General
2 Laws in Chapter 23-27.3 entitled "State Building Code" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-27.3-118.0. Fees.** -- No permit shall be issued for new construction, alteration,
4 removal, demolition, or other building operation until the fees prescribed ~~by municipal ordinance~~
5 in accordance with § 23-27.3-119.0 shall have been paid to the city or town collector or other
6 municipal agency authorized to collect the fees.

7 **23-27.3-118.1. Special fees.** -- The payment of the fee for construction, alteration,
8 removal, or demolition and for all work done in connection with or concurrently with the work
9 contemplated by a building permit shall not relieve the applicant or holder of the permit from the
10 payment of other fees that may be prescribed ~~by law or ordinance~~ in accordance with § 23-27.3-
11 119.0 for water taps, sewer connections, electrical, and plumbing permits, erection of signs and
12 display structures, marquees, or other appurtenant structures, or fees for inspections, certificates
13 of use and occupancy for other privileges or requirements, both within and without the
14 jurisdiction of the building department.

15 **23-27.3-119.0. Fee computation.** -- The building commissioner shall collect information
16 on types and amounts of municipal fees set forth in §§ 23-27.3-118 and 23-27.3-118.1 and create
17 a process or formula for establishing statewide permit fees. Said information and a description of
18 the process or formula shall be provided to municipalities, the league of cities and towns and the
19 general assembly by December 1, 2015. Beginning July 1, 2106, the ~~The~~ permit fees assessed by

1 all municipalities shall be computed according to ~~the fee schedule and procedures adopted in each~~
2 ~~municipality~~ the process and formula either established by, or approved by, the state of Rhode
3 Island building code commission, provided that all fees shall have multipliers that go down as the
4 cost of construction increases in value. No fee shall be assessed for the first reinspection of work
5 that has failed the initial inspection; provided, a fee shall be allowed for all necessary subsequent
6 reinspections of the same work.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that fees paid for construction permits shall be assessed by all
2 municipalities using a formula established and/or approved by the Rhode Island building code
3 commission which has multipliers that decrease as construction costs increase in value
4 commencing on July 1, 2016.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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