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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE - NEW BUILDINGS
AND STRUCTURES

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, and Corvese

Date Introduced: April 11, 2019

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-27.3-111.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-27.3 entitled
2 "State Building Code" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-27.3-111.2. Inspection.**

4 (a) The building official shall make all required inspections as specified in the provisions
5 of this code and the building official shall conduct the inspections from time to time during and
6 upon completion of the work for which the building official has issued a permit; and the building
7 official shall maintain a record of all the examinations and inspections and of all violations of this
8 code. In conjunction with specific construction projects, the building official may designate
9 specific inspection points in the course of construction which require the contractor or builder to
10 give the building official twenty-four (24) hours notice prior to the time when the inspections are
11 required to be performed. The building official shall make the inspection within forty-eight (48)
12 hours after the notification; weekend days and holidays are not included in the forty-eight (48)
13 hours.

14 (b) If the building official fails to perform an inspection within the time frame set forth in
15 this section, the contractor or builder may hire a qualified third-party inspector or the state
16 inspector. The building official shall accept reports of such inspections. For the purposes of this
17 section, a qualified third-party inspector shall mean an individual certified in accordance with the
18 provisions of § 23-27.3-107.6 or any professional authorized by the provisions of § 23-27.3-

1 [108.1.4. In order to hire a qualified third-party inspector or the state inspector, the contractor or](#)
2 [builder shall notify the building official via email of the intent to hire a qualified third-party](#)
3 [inspector or the state inspector to perform the inspection at least twenty-four \(24\) hours prior to](#)
4 [the hire. If the state inspector performs the inspection, the salary and operating expenses for](#)
5 [services provided shall be reimbursed to the state by the city or town receiving the services and](#)
6 [shall be deposited as general revenues.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow a contractor or builder to hire a qualified third-party inspector or
2 state inspector to perform an inspection if a building official fails to perform an inspection within
3 forty-eight (48) hours after notification, excluding weekends and holidays. There must be
4 notification to the building inspector of intent to do so at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to
5 hire. Upon notice the building official shall accept reports of such inspections.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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