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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: Senators Ruggiero, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Goodwin, and Pearson

Date Introduced: March 21, 2019

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

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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