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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY --
CAUSES OF ACTION

Introduced By: Representatives Dawson, and Boylan

Date Introduced: May 29, 2024

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 9-1 of the General Laws entitled "Causes of Action" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **9-1-55. Washington bridge.**

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or public law to the contrary, the following
5 limitation shall apply to any action or proceeding brought against any person, firm, corporation,
6 unincorporated association or any other legal entity, in which damages are sought arising out of or
7 related to the design, construction, supervision or inspection of Washington bridge No. 700, or any
8 modification, repair, improvement or rehabilitation thereof, or the furnishing of materials, used in
9 the design, construction, supervision, inspection, modification, repair, improvement or
10 rehabilitation thereof that are not otherwise time barred as of the effective date hereof by any other
11 currently existing provision of the general laws. Any such action or proceeding shall be commenced
12 within ten (10) years of the discovery by the claimant of the existence and basis for any claim or
13 by December 31, 2033, whichever is later, and not thereafter.

14 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 clarify the statute of limitations for all causes of action not otherwise time
2 barred that seek damages arising out of or related to the design, construction, supervision, or
3 inspection of the Washington Bridge No. 700, located in East Providence for a period not to exceed
4 ten (10) years following discovery of the existence of the claim or December 31, 2033, whichever
5 is later.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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