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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2006

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A N A C T

RELATING TO PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES

Introduced By: Senator Kevin A. Breene

Date Introduced: March 15, 2006

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 46-13 of the General Laws entitled "Public Drinking Water
2 Supply" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **46-13-22. Cross-connection control.** – (a) The director is hereby authorized to adopt
4 regulations governing the content of cross-connection control plans and to require that all
5 community public water systems and all non-transient, non-community public water systems
6 prepare a cross-connection control plan. The purpose of these plans shall be to protect the public
7 water system distribution and transmission infrastructure from contamination through cross-
8 connections. All community public water systems and all non-transient, non-community public
9 water systems shall certify to the director that said plan complies with the regulations in
10 accordance with the following schedule:

11 (1) Community and non-transient, non-community public water systems serving more
12 than five hundred (500) people shall submit certification of compliance no later than June 30,
13 2007 and implement said plan immediately thereafter.

14 (2) Community and non-transient, non-community public water systems serving five
15 hundred (500) people or fewer shall submit certification of compliance no later than June 30,
16 2010 and implement said plan immediately thereafter.

17 (b) The regulations governing cross-connection control plans adopted by the director
18 shall at a minimum include: the installation of cross-connection control valves at all newly
19 constructed service connections prior to the provision of water service; the installation of cross-

1 connection control valves at all non-residential service connections; and the installation of cross-
2 connection control devices at all residential service connections.

3 (c) Public water supply systems shall be authorized to terminate water service to any
4 customer who fails to install the appropriate cross-connection control device upon due notice.

5 (d) The cross-connection control devices required to be installed shall be models
6 approved by the Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research of the
7 University of Southern California (FCCCHR, USC), the American Water Works Association
8 (AWWA), and/or the American Society of Sanitary Engineers (ASSE).

9 (e) The director may also adopt and enforce standards including the establishment of fees
10 for certification of persons engaged in cross-connection surveying or backflow prevention,
11 assembly training, repair and maintenance testing.

12 (f) Use of fire hydrants without the permission of the public water supply is prohibited
13 and shall be considered tampering with a public water supply and subject to the penalties and
14 remedies set forth in section 46-13-16.

15 (g) Any regulations and/or standards promulgated, amended and/or administered pursuant
16 to the provisions of this section shall conform to the requirements of chapter 42-35 of the general
17 laws.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require cross-connection control devices to be installed on multiple user
- 2 water systems according to a specific schedule.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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