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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - WATER METER REPLACEMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Dickinson, Williams, Guthrie, and DaSilva

Date Introduced: February 28, 2012

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-20-35 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-20 entitled "Plumbers
2 and Irrigators" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-20-35. Persons and acts exempt -- Issuance of licenses in special cases.** -- (a) The
4 provisions of this chapter do not apply to the installation of automatic sprinkler systems or other
5 fire protection appliances in this state and do not apply to employees of public utilities (publicly
6 or privately owned); provided, that any resident of Rhode Island not licensed, as provided in this
7 chapter, desiring a license as a master plumber or journeyman plumber who on or before
8 August 14, 1966, presents to the department of labor and training of the state reasonably
9 satisfactory evidence, in writing, that he or she was actively engaged in the business of plumbing
10 as a master plumber or working as a journeyman plumber for a master plumber in any city or
11 town for five (5) years prior to May 16, 1966, and that he or she is at the time of presenting that
12 evidence to the department of labor and training operating in any city or town as a master
13 plumber or working as journeyman plumber, shall, upon payment of a fee of five dollars
14 (\$5.00) in the case of a master plumber or one dollar (\$1.00) in the case of a journeyman
15 plumber, have issued to him or her by the department of labor and training a certificate of license
16 as a master plumber or a journeyman plumber without an additional application, fee, or other
17 condition precedent. Farms, golf courses, and nurseries performing irrigation work on their
18 premises only shall not be required to be licensed under the chapter.

19 (b) Nothing in this or any other chapter of the general laws shall prohibit municipalities

1 or water districts from using employees, or engaging the services of licensed plumbers or other
2 contractors and/or service providers that meet certain requirements determined by the
3 municipality or water district, for the purpose of replacing water meters or meter reading devices:
4 [connected to a residential property, or dwelling as defined in the international plumbing code as](#)
5 [published by the international code council, inc. \(I.C.C.\) and as adopted by the Rhode Island state](#)
6 [building code regulation SBC-3.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would permit employees of municipalities or water districts to replace water
2 metering devices without holding a plumber's license. The exemption would apply to residential
3 structures or other dwellings defined in the international plumbing code.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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