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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Costa, McNamara, Lombardi, and Dickinson Date Introduced: February 07, 2013 Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 23-27.3-118.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-27.3 entitled
- 2 "State Building Code" is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3 <u>23-27.3-118.2. Ramps for disabled persons. (a)</u> No municipality shall require that a
- 4 fee be paid for the construction or repair of an access ramp for disabled persons to a residential R-
- 5 4 use group.
- 6 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any zoning ordinance to the contrary, ramps, lifts
- 7 and other accommodation alternatives necessary for compliance with the provisions of the
- 8 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) relating to accessibility shall be permitted as needed in
- 9 the front, side or rear yards of existing structures, including those which have been built-out or
- 10 <u>converted to commercial uses.</u>
- 11 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 permit ramps, lifts and other accommodation alternatives necessary for 2 compliance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) relating to 3 accessibility shall be permitted as needed in the front, side or rear yards of existing structures, including those which have been built-out or converted to commercial uses, notwithstanding the 4 provisions of any zoning ordinance to the contrary. 5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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