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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE

Introduced By: Representatives O'Brien, Almeida, and Marshall

Date Introduced: July 01, 2013

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 23-27.3 of the General Laws entitled "State Building Code" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **23-27.3-108.2.4. Municipal advisory council on statewide permitting. -- (a) There is**  
4 **created and established a "municipal advisory council on statewide permitting," hereinafter**  
5 **referred to as the "council."**

6           **(b) The advisory council shall be composed of five (5) members appointed to the council**  
7 **by the governor. Each member of the council shall be an appointed or elected official of a Rhode**  
8 **Island city or town. The Rhode Island league of cities and towns may submit names for**  
9 **consideration for appointment. The governor shall select the chairperson. A member shall serve**  
10 **until his or her successor is appointed by the governor. Members shall receive no compensation**  
11 **for their services.**

12           **(c) The advisory council shall develop specific and comprehensive recommendations for**  
13 **a statewide process for electronic plan review, permit management, and inspection as required**  
14 **under subsections 23-27.3-108.2(c)(2), (3) and (e) and to encourage full participation in such a**  
15 **statewide process from every city and town in the state of Rhode Island. In addition, the council**  
16 **shall serve in an advisory capacity to the state building commissioner, state fire marshal and the**  
17 **office of regulatory reform within the department of administration.**

18           **(d) In furtherance of the purposes described in subsection (c), the council shall provide a**  
19 **report to the governor, the general assembly, and the building commissioner listing the number of**

1 cities and towns participating in the state's efforts to improve e-permitting processes, the number  
2 of cities and towns not yet participating, and recommendations for increasing participation in the  
3 state's efforts to improve e-permitting processes. The report shall be provided beginning July 1,  
4 2013, and at every three (3) month interval thereafter until the establishment of a statewide  
5 process as required under subsections 23-27.3-108.2(c)(2), (3) and (e) is completed.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would establish a municipal advisory council on statewide permitting which  
2 would be composed of five (5) members appointed by the governor. Each member of the council  
3 would be an appointed or elected official of a Rhode Island city or town. The purpose of the  
4 council would be to develop recommendations to establish a statewide process for electronic plan  
5 review, encourage full participation of each city and town in the state and then until a statewide  
6 process is established, review which towns and cities are participating and which are not every  
7 three (3) months.

8           This act would take effect upon passage.

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