

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE
ROADS

Introduced By: Representatives Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Hull, J. Lombardi,
Carson, Cotter, Spears, Donovan, and McEntee

Date Introduced: February 17, 2023

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 24-8-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 24-8 entitled "Construction
2 and Maintenance of State Roads" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **24-8-11. Beautification Beautification and landscape maintenance.**

4 (a) The department of transportation is hereby authorized and empowered to plant trees,
5 shrubs and otherwise beautify the area within the limits of a road in a manner and at locations as
6 the department may deem advisable, and the cost of the work shall be paid from moneys,
7 appropriated for highway purposes, not otherwise needed for the construction, reconstruction and
8 maintenance of state roads and bridges; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed
9 to draw his or her orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of such sums as may from time
10 to time be required, upon receipt by him or her of proper vouchers approved by the director of
11 transportation.

12 (b) The department shall establish a schedule of all landscaping and mowing of lawns on
13 state roads, and shall provide a copy of said schedule to the department of public works in any city
14 or town where the state road is located.

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

EXPLANATION
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