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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- MUNICIPAL ROADS AND BRIDGES MAINTENANCE
AND CONSTRUCTION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Introduced By: Senators Rogers, Zurier, de la Cruz, DeLuca, and Paolino

Date Introduced: February 16, 2023

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-6-13 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-6 entitled "Registration
2 Fees" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-6-13. Disposition of fees.**

4 Fifty percent (50%) of all ~~All~~ fees collected under chapters 1 -- 27 of this title shall be paid
5 into the hands of the general treasurer to be credited to the general funds of the state, ~~with the~~
6 remaining fifty percent (50%) to be credited to the "municipal roads and bridges maintenance and
7 construction fund" established by § 24-5-3.1.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 24-5 of the General Laws entitled "Maintenance of Town Highways"
9 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

10 **24-5-3.1. Municipal roads and bridges maintenance and construction fund.**

11 There is hereby created a municipal roads and bridges maintenance and construction fund
12 to be utilized to fund the safe and serviceable condition of the state's local roads and bridges.
13 Annually, fifty percent (50%) of all motor vehicle registration fees collected by the state shall be
14 forwarded to the municipal roads and bridges maintenance and construction fund. These earmarked
15 funds shall be controlled and administered by the director of the department of transportation. They
16 shall be apportioned and distributed to all municipalities, based upon a formula fashioned by the
17 director, factoring in the cities' and towns' populations, number of registered motor vehicles and
18 local road mileage. How the distributed funds shall be spent shall be expressly set by the director.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would establish a new fund, with fifty percent (50%) of the collected state motor
- 2 vehicle registration fees, to be administered by the director of the department of transportation, and
- 3 earmarked for municipal road and bridges maintenance and construction projects.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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