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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES-WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Ackerman, Lally, Morin, and Lancia

Date Introduced: February 12, 2015

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-24.5 of the General Laws entitled "Waste Water Management
2 Districts" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-24.5-6. Connections to existing sanitary sewer lines from facilities across city and**
4 **town lines. -- Notwithstanding any other state or local law or regulation to the contrary, those**
5 **facilities in the state of Rhode Island, except for communities on Aquidneck Island, that currently**
6 **discharge wastewater from an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system that do not have**
7 **reasonable access to an available sewer within the city or town where the property is located, are**
8 **hereby authorized to construct, use, operate, maintain and repair a sanitary sewer line (and any**
9 **necessary pump or lift station equipment) connecting to a neighboring city or town sanitary sewer**
10 **line in lieu of continuing to utilize their existing on-site wastewater treatment and disposal, upon**
11 **the following conditions:**

12 (1) The construction, use, operation, maintenance and repair of such sanitary sewer line
13 shall be subject to the issuance of all required state approvals, permits and licenses; and local
14 approvals and permits, and licenses to the extent such local approvals, permits and licenses are
15 not inconsistent with the foregoing authorization;

16 (2) The neighboring city or town sanitary line is in closer proximity to the property than
17 the city or town sanitary line wherein the property is located;

18 (3) The cost to connect to the in-city or in-town sanitary sewer line is significantly greater
19 than connection to the neighboring city or town sanitary sewer line closest to the subject property;

1 (4) The neighboring city or town sanitary sewer line has capacity as determined by the
2 host sewer authority to accept the additional flow; and

3 (5) Not allowing the connection would result in a potential or continuing environmental
4 detriment.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize connection to existing sanitary sewer lines from facilities across
2 city and town lines under certain circumstances.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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