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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 that currently discharge wastewater from an on-site**
6 **wastewater treatment and disposal system that do not have reasonable access to an available**
7 **sewer within the city or town where the property is located, are hereby authorized to construct,**
8 **use, operate, maintain and repair a sanitary sewer line (and any necessary pump or lift station**
9 **equipment) connecting to a neighboring city or town sanitary sewer line in lieu of continuing to**
10 **utilize their existing on-site wastewater treatment and disposal, upon the following conditions:**

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

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

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

18 (4) The neighboring city or town sanitary sewer line has capacity to accept the additional
19 flow; and

1 [\(5\) Not allowing the connection would result in a potential or continuing environmental](#)
2 [detriment.](#)

3 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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