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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: Senators McCaffrey, Lynch, Ciccone, and Walaska

Date Introduced: March 03, 2015

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

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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