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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY

Introduced By: Representative Spencer E. Dickinson

Date Introduced: February 27, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 24-12-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 24-12 entitled "Rhode
2 Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **24-12-5. Power to construct, reconstruct, renovate, acquire, maintain, repair,**
4 **operate or manage projects or additional facilities and to issue bonds. – (a)** In order to
5 facilitate vehicular traffic, remove many of the present handicaps and hazards on the congested
6 highways in the state, alleviate the barriers caused by large bodies of water, and promote the
7 agricultural and industrial development of the state, the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge
8 authority is hereby authorized and empowered: to construct the Newport Bridge, the turnpike, any
9 portion thereof or any additional facility hereafter authorized to be constructed; to acquire the
10 Mount Hope Bridge, to acquire the Sakonnet River Bridge, to acquire the Jamestown Verrazzano
11 Bridge and any additional facility hereafter authorized to be acquired; to maintain, construct,
12 reconstruct, renovate, acquire, repair, operate or manage any project or projects; and to issue
13 bonds of the authority as provided in this chapter to finance any project or projects; provided,
14 however, that the Mount Hope Bridge shall only be acquired as provided for by section 24-12-
15 40A.

16 (b) Provided, that effective July 1, 2013, the Mt. Hope Bridge and the Sakonnet River
17 Bridge, as well as all obligations pertaining to and authority over all matters related to the
18 maintenance and budget of said bridges and fees, if any, derived from said bridges, shall be
19 transferred to the Rhode Island department of transportation.

1 (c) Provided further, that effective July 1, 2013, the Rhode Island bridge and turnpike
2 authority, for any tolls it determines to set for the Newport Bridge and the Jamestown Verrazzano
3 Bridge, shall collect said tolls at a single toll plaza to responsibly cover the expenses for
4 maintaining the two (2) bridges.

5 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would transfer authority for the Mt. Hope Bridge and Sakonnet River Bridge to
2 the state department of transportation.

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