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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - EXPLOSIVES - NOTICE

Introduced By: Representatives Filippi, Chippendale, Lyle, Nardone, and Quattrocchi

Date Introduced: February 26, 2020

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-28.28-37 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-28.28 entitled  
2 "Explosives" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-28.28-37. Notice to adjoining landowners.**

4 (a) Prior to the commencement of blasting operations, any person, firm, corporation, or  
5 other entity that is regulated pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall notify the owner or  
6 owners of record of any improved real property within five hundred (500') feet, as measured from  
7 the nearest borehole to the closest improved real property, of an intended blast or detonation,  
8 excluding road, bridge, utility, and public works construction, no less than twenty-four (24) hours  
9 prior to the blast or detonation.

10 (b) Notice shall also be given to any owner or owners of real property on which a structure  
11 is located, which structure is located within five hundred feet (500') of the property line of the  
12 property on which the blasting is to take place, and to the city or town council of the municipality  
13 within which such property is located, no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the blast or  
14 detonation. Quarries and mines authorized to operate shall be exempt from the requirements of this  
15 subsection.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would expand the notice requirements relating to the use of explosives by requiring  
2 fourteen (14) days notice of blasting be given to the municipality and to owners of structures located  
3 within five hundred feet (500') of the mutual property line.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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